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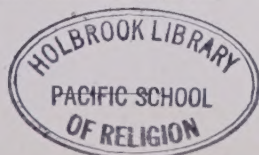
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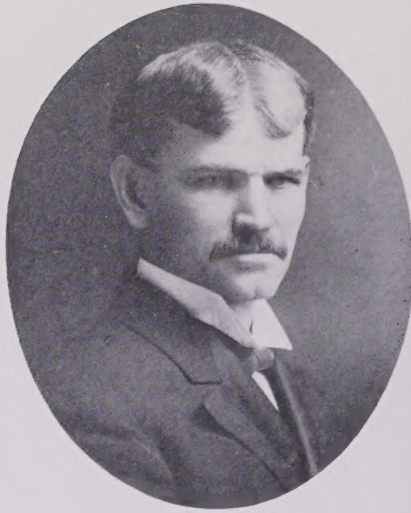
By
FRANK KLINE BAKER, Pastor

"For not like kingdoms of the world
Thy holy church, O God!
Though earthquake shocks are threatening her,
And tempests are abroad;
Unshaken as eternal hills,
Immovable she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made with hands."



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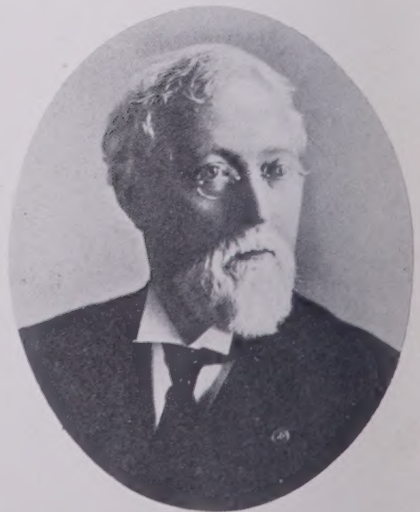
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Dedication



O the memory of the noble pioneer preachers and laymen who laid the foundation of Methodism in the Capital City; to these pious men and women who braved the perils of a journey across the plains or of a voyage by sea to reach the land of gold and sunshine and who were so possessed by the spirit of evangelism that along with the pitching of their tents or the erecting of their homes, went the setting up of an altar to their God and the erecting of a sanctuary to His worship and service; to these pioneers of the Cross through whose heroism and self-sacrifice we owe our present Methodism in the Capital City; to these and to all those who have the high honor to count themselves in the genealogy of such a magnificent lineage, is this Souvenir History of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Sacramento, California, fittingly and lovingly dedicated by the author.



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Foreword

It is quite fitting and very important that during the Sixtieth Anniversary of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Sacramento, California, these many years of splendid service by the church be collected and put into permanent form for present as well as for future use; hence this Souvenir Historial Sketch.

This church has a history peculiarly its own and one of more than ordinary interest, not only to Sacramento, but to California Methodism, and to all who are interested in the struggles and triumphs of Christianity in our glorious land of gold and sunshine.

The importance of this service may be seen in the fact, that First Church is the Mother of Methodism in Sacramento, and it dates from the very beginning of Protestant Christianity in Sacramento. First Church has also had much to do with the very first planting of Methodism in California. Such pioneers as Rev. William Roberts, the first missionary sent out to California by Methodism in 1847; Rev. William Taylor, the first pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in San Francisco, 1849; Rev. Adna A. Hecox, who is said to have preached the first Protestant sermon in California in 1847; Rev. Elihu Anthony, who organized the first Protestant Church in Santa Cruz in 1848; and Rev. Isaac Owen, the first pastor of this church, in 1849; all these came into vital touch with Sacramento or the First Church. Most all these pioneers found Fort Sutter in Sacramento a city of refuge, in which they were protected from hostile foes, rested and refreshed after a long, trying journey across the plains, and were replenished with the necessities of life that they might complete their journey.

It was during the very beginning of this church that Rev. William Taylor came up from San Francisco and visited Rev. Isaac Owen, during which visit they counselled together and planned to extend their fields of missionary enterprise; they inaugurated the movement for higher education in California, which resulted in our present University of the Pacific; they talked of the establishment of a Methodist Book Depository which resulted in the present magnificent Depository in San Francisco; they thought of the first Christian weekly paper, which is today our splendid California Christian Advocate; and they thought out other important religious movements. It was during those early days that foundations were laid and the policy of the Church outlined which has determined the line of action of our California Methodism for these sixty years.

The interest and value of this history is enhanced by the noble and distinguished men who founded and who have served the church. Rev. H. K. Hines, D. D., in his "Missionary History of the Pacific Northwest," furnishes a most excellent character sketch of the six men who constituted the original "Oregon and California Mission Conference," among whom were Rev. William Roberts, Rev. William Taylor and the Rev. Isaac Owen. Dr. Hines says of these early standard bearers of the cross: "Measured by character, by ability, by power to accomplish, it is one of the mightiest lists that ever stood at the head of a Church or Empire, between Eastern and Western seas. Culture, eloquence, solid judgment, perseverance, bold and intense evangelism, true statesmanship were as fully represented in the character and lives of these six men as in the lives of any other six men, who were associated with the beginning of our era." The above would not be an overwrought description of the noble men who have served First Church: such as M. C. Briggs, Royal B. Stratton, J. W. Ross, Jesse T. Peck (afterwards Bishop), H. B. Heacock, E. R. Dille, T. S. Dunn, and other honored names.

A retrospective view of these sixty years of First Church will also prove of interest to the citizens of Sacramento, as its history has been closely identified with the history of the city. Such a retrospective view has proved both fascinating and profitable to the author, and he wishes for all who read these pages, the breadth of vision and the depth of spiritual fervor which characterized the California Methodist Pioneers.

The writer lays no claim to perfection for this historical sketch, but he has endeavored to do the best he could with the data gathered, to give as complete a connected narrative as possible. Owing to the limitations of time in a very busy pastorate, and in space in such a sketch, some things have of necessity been omitted that some might wish were here. It would require much more time and a much larger book to contain all the names and to recount all the deeds of the many whose lives of Christian fortitude and service have told among the vital forces of this grand old church.

It has been the purpose to contain in this history a cut of every pastor who has served the church, but after much correspondence and searching, there remain yet two of these noble men whose likeness we cannot produce. Two of the early pastors, Rev. Royal B. Stratton and Rev. George S. Phillips, went back East very early and have since died. Of most of the Methodists of that early day no one here knows if they are living.

The writer is indebted for the historical data gathered to the well preserved records of the church (when they were kept); the "Missionary History of the Pacific Northwest," by H. K. Hines, D. D.; the

works of Bishop William Taylor; "Fifty Years of Methodism," by C. V. Anthony, D. D.; "History of Sacramento County"; the well preserved files of the "Sacramento Record-Union," found in the State Library; the "Sacramento Illustrated," published in 1855, and preserved and highly valued both by Sacramento City and the State Libraries; the letters, manuscripts, sketches, and reminiscences by former pastors and laymen; reminiscences from California '49-ers still living; and to Miss Eudora Garoutte of the State Library and Miss Anna Wood of the City Library.



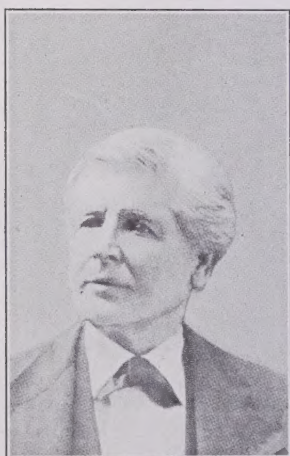
THE STATE CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO

The First Messengers and Builders

The Donner Party

In the earliest planting of Methodism in California, Sacramento shares amongst the very first efforts. In the year 1846, the famous Donner Party, being caught in a severe snow storm, were forced to winter near the lake that now bears their name. It was a winter of indescribable hardships. In the early spring a remnant of what was left of that party reached Sutter's Fort. It would be a wonder if even that remnant contained no disciple of John Wesley, who would minister in spiritual things. On October 1, 1847, another party consisting of fifty-seven souls, with fifteen wagons, reached the Sacramento Valley and Fort Sutter. Here they rested and were refreshed and replenished in store, that they might again take up their journey to Santa Clara, which point they reached about November 1st.

Rev. Adna A. Hecox



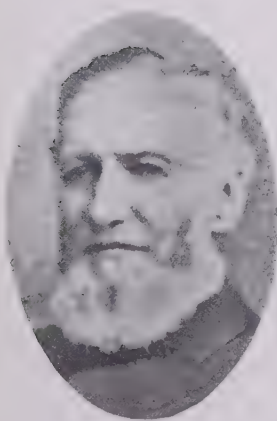
In that second noted company of survivors of the famous Donner Party, was a man who was truly a Methodist Pioneer—Adna A. Hecox, and his family. This pious family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the honored father was a licensed exhorter. It is difficult to think of such a man passing through Sacramento without ministering in Christian things to the spiritually needy souls. To him is said to fall the high honor of having preached the first Protestant sermon within the present limits of California. The incident is told as follows by C. V. Anthony, D. D.: "About this time the settlers were exposed to a danger

even greater than any to which they had been subjected while crossing the plains. Colonel Fremont left for the southern part of the territory, and taking advantage of his absence, Colonel Sanchez induced the natives to rise against the 'Americanos.' There were one hundred and seventy-five of these at that time in Santa Clara, who were closely besieged by the Mexicans. To make their condition more wretched, typhoid fever broke out among them in a very malignant form. Eight deaths occurred before the first of February. Mr. Hecox, "feeble in body, leaning on a staff," attended the funeral services of these as they transpired. At the obsequies of a daughter of Silas Hitchcock he

preached a sermon from the words, 'Remember how short my time is.' This was, without doubt, the first Protestant sermon ever preached within the present limits of the State of California." Mrs. Hecox, since gone to her crown, told the writer the above incident, but said her husband leaned upon her when he preached, as he was so feeble. The Hitchcock mentioned was one of the charter members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Santa Cruz, organized in January, 1848. In all probability the deceased over whom Hecox preached that first sermon was the first death among the early Methodist company.

Mr. Hecox organized in July, 1847, the first temperance society ever started in California. Anyone visiting the Light House at Santa Cruz may have the privilege of seeing the original pledge containing the autograph signatures of eleven members. This society was formed at Soquel, near Santa Cruz. Mr. Hecox and other Methodists had the honor of helping to organize the first order of "Sons of Temperance" in California, March, 1851; also the first lodge of "Good Templars," February, 1855.

Rev. William Roberts



To the Rev. William Roberts belongs the honor of the first legally authorized effort to organize Methodism in California, in April of 1847, in San Francisco. The circumstances that led to Roberts' appointment were as follows: In the year 1832, four Flathead Indians found their way from the Columbia River to St. Louis, Missouri, asking for a knowledge of the Book of God, some idea of which they had obtained from a trapper who had lived among them. The facts created a great excitement among the Christians of all denominations. The Methodist Board of Missions had sent out several missionaries to Oregon, who began their work in the fall of 1834. The field was so far away that no bishops ever visited it, and of necessity superintendents had to be appointed for the purpose of oversight. Rev. William Roberts, of New Jersey, being a minister of more than ordinary education and ability, was selected for that difficult work. As news had just been received that California had been taken by the Americans, he was under instructions to stop at California for a month or two and explore that country, in view of the establishing of missions there. There accompanied Rev. Roberts, besides his family, Rev. James H. Wilbur and his family. After a voyage of 148 days on board the bark "Whittier," whose master,

Capt. Gilson, was a Methodist himself, they reached San Francisco on the 24th of April, 1847.

Rev. Roberts found the little town of Yerba Buena an unusually active place at that time. There were from 60 to 100 houses, including all human habitations of every kind, "principally the meaner kind." They made the port on Saturday. Services were held on shipboard next morning. Late in the day Rev. Roberts preached on shore. That first service was the beginning of what resulted in the organization of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in San Francisco and the first in the State. Dr. Hines says it was "undoubtedly the first Methodist Episcopal Church ever organized south of the Willamette Valley on the Pacific Coast."

Whether Rev. Roberts visited Sacramento at that time is not certain to the writer, but that he visited this section and was familiar with its needs and had plans for the Methodist Church here is quite obvious. He had obtained a lot for a church from General Sutter and had left instructions to Rev. William Taylor when he arrived from the East with his Baltimore-California Chapel, to ship it on to Sacramento, as there was more need of it there at the time, and promising to send lumber for a church for San Francisco, from Oregon. We shall come across Robert's name again in this sketch.

It seems quite obvious to the writer, if Adna A. Hecox did not preach in California till the fall of '47, Rev. William Roberts must have preached the first Protestant sermon, as he is known to have preached in San Francisco, April, '47.

Rev. Elihu Anthony



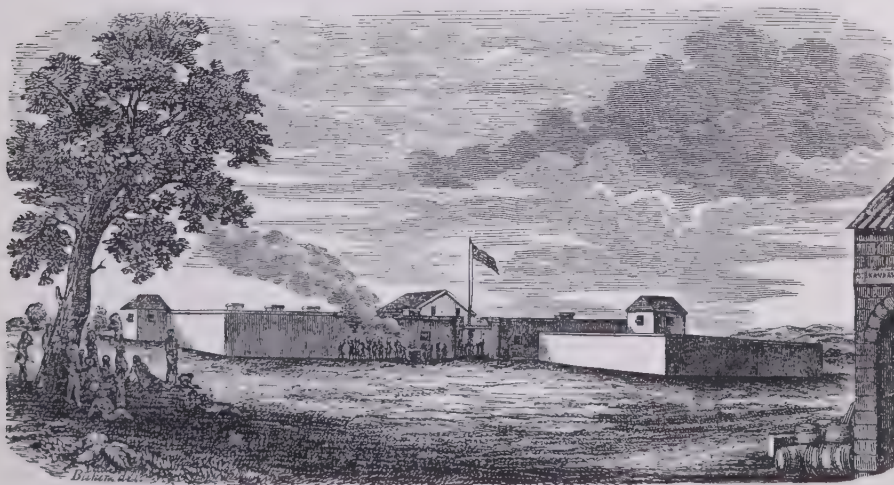
Another name that holds a conspicuous place among the Methodist Argonauts is that of Rev. Elihu Anthony, brother of the lamented C. V. Anthony, D. D. In the spring of 1847, he joined a caravan of emigrants bound for Oregon, with his wife and one child and a sister-in-law, Miss Jane Van Anda. When near Ft. Hall he with three other families turned southwestward for California. After terrible hardships from dangerous roads and hostile Indians who robbed them of most all their possessions, and finally of their cow and the only flour they had left, they finally reached the mecca of Sutter's Fort. They subsisted on a big fat sheep

which had evidently strayed from the flock and which Mr. Anthony's gun had brought down, till they reached what was indeed the mecca of the famished and impoverished travelers of that early

day, Sutter's Fort. This little company received the greatest kindness at the hands of General Sutter. After resting a few days and replenishing their store of food, they hastened on towards the Spanish settlements near San Jose. Here he began to work at his trade as a blacksmith and also to preach the Gospel. Are we to think that this pioneer of the Methodist Church, a licensed Methodist preacher, would tarry here even for a night and not minister in holy things? In January, 1848, he moved to Santa Cruz, where he in the same month organized a Methodist class which was the beginning of the First Methodist and Protestant Church of that city. The first Methodist Church building was used also for a public school building in that early day.

Gen. John A. Sutter

This historical sketch would not do justice to the situation if it did not mention the name of John A. Sutter, a native of Germany, but for some years a citizen of Switzerland. In the year 1839 he



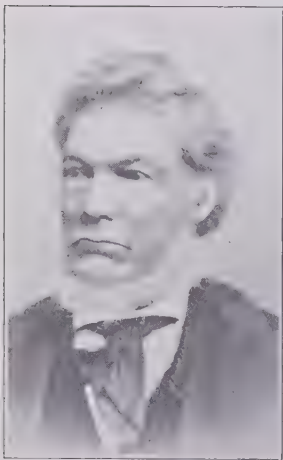
SUTTER'S FORT

secured from the Mexican Government in Monterey the gift of one hundred miles square of land in the great Sacramento Valley. He built the famous Sutter's Fort on a slough near the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers, and planned to build a city there to be called "New Helvetia." In all probability that would have been a far better location for the city, as the elevation is much higher. But instead of a city of the living we have a city of the dead in the form of an old discarded cemetery, poorly kept, and used for most part by Chinese and Japanese.

There is one sacred plot of ground in this old Helvetia Cemetery that ought to be precious to California Methodism. Besides the grave of another member of the California Annual Conference, it contains the grave of Rev. Elijah Merchant, one of the earliest pastors of First Church, Sacramento, and whose name heads the list of "Our Honored Dead" of the Conference. Bro. Peter Bohl, an honored layman of First Church, has kept this plot of ground green and in good shape for years.

It has well been said that Sutter's enterprise contributed largely to the future history of this great section and to California as a whole. The sight of the mud-walled fort brought good cheer and hope to the heart of many a weary, hungry, homesick immigrant, after nearly a half year's continuous and arduous journey over the vast plains and lofty mountains that separated between him and the dearest spot on earth—the home of his childhood. Then First Church is indebted to General Sutter for the gift of the first lot the society ever owned, and on which the Baltimore-California Chapel was first erected. This lot was on the southeast corner of Seventh and L streets.

Silas F. Bennett



Another name linked with the early fathers of Sacramento Methodism is that of Silas F. Bennett, the father of Mrs. C. V. Anthony, the widow of the lamented C. V. Anthony, D. D. When Rev. William Roberts returned to California early in 1849, he in company with Elihu Anthony and J. H. Dye, went to Coloma, where the first Protestant Church in the mines was organized. Imagine them on horseback having their blankets, cooking utensils and provisions lashed to their saddles behind them. The Sabbath overtaking them, Roberts is said to have preached with vim to his two hearers at a place where now stands the City of Woodland. The next Sabbath was spent in Coloma, where Roberts organized a church, leaving Elihu Anthony in charge as pastor. Silas F. Bennett was the first class leader. This man of noble spirit crossed the plains with a wife and six children in 1848. The Indians caused him much trouble, at one time shooting arrows into their camp. The wife and mother became sick nigh unto death and the lack of provisions brought them to the verge of starvation. Mr. Bennett acknowledged that but for Col. Fremont they would never have reached California.

He met them on the way and piloted them to a place of safety. Mr. Bennett spent his first winter in California in Sacramento, where he formed the acquaintance of General Sutter, who, needing a millwright, engaged him to put the mill at Coloma in working order. This mill started before the discovery of gold—yea, gold was discovered in the process of building this mill, but nothing had been done to it since the discovery of the precious metal. Mr. Bennett was a Christian of the right stamp, and wherever he went, he found the people of God and worshiped with them. He, with others like-minded, held prayer meetings in Sacramento during the winter of 1848, and he was a faithful shepherd of the wandering sheep. It is said of this man that he was fearless and as true to principle as a magnet to the pole.

Rev. Grove W. Deal, M. D.



This physician and preacher holds an interesting place with the early builders of Sacramento Methodism. Bishop William Taylor, in describing his first visit to Rev. Isaac Owen in Sacramento, shows the place Dr. Deal held in the church at that time. Bishop Taylor says he left San Francisco the first week in January, 1850, for Sacramento. The fare on the boat was \$30, but Mr. Chas. Minten, agent and part owner of the Sacramento Steamship Company, gave him a free passage. He says they passed a herd of elk who, with their huge antlers, tried to run a race

with the boat and then scampered off into the woods.

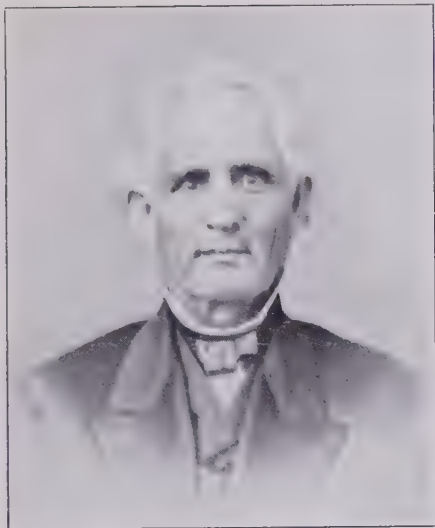
Bishop Taylor says when he arrived in Sacramento City he was conducted by a stranger through one vast mud-hole of nearly half a mile to the house of Dr. Deal, whom he had well known in Baltimore and had seen about a year before embark for California in the schooner "Sovereign," via Panama. He was entertained during his stay in Sacramento by Dr. Deal and William Prettyman, who occupied the same little house. Both these men were old friends of Taylor in North Baltimore. Bishop Taylor says he found Dr. Deal hard at work as a physician and in Gospel work as a Local Preacher under Pastor Owen. Besides considerable success in his profession, Deal had made

some good trading "strikes," so that Taylor found him not in a tent, nearly up to his knees in mud, like most of his neighbors, but occupying one of the best houses in the city. It was a small, two-story frame house, rough boards outside and canvas lining inside. The first floor was occupied as a store, owned by the Doctor, William Prettyman and a young man. The stock was an assortment of clothing, dry goods and groceries, hardware, miners' tools and drugs, books, stationery, etc. The upper story was used as a reception room, parlor, doctor's office, dormitory, etc. In the rear of the store a shed made of rough slabs with floor or matting to hide mud and keep passengers above ground. This was wash-room, storage-room, kitchen, dining-room, etc. He says it was a hearty welcome he got from those noble-hearted, jovial fellows.

Dr. Deal was a member of the first State Legislature of California. In the spring of 1849, he entertained Rev. William Roberts at his Sacramento home for a number of days. For many months prior to the arrival of Rev. Isaac Owen in Sacramento City, according to Bishop Taylor, Rev. Grove W. Deal, M. D., was practically the Methodist pastor of the city, and exercised a shepherd's care over the scattered sheep of that wilderness. His regular preaching place was under the shade of a large evergreen oak on the corner of Third and L streets, and in a blacksmith shop in rainy weather. So we find that the lay-preacher of Methodism had his share in the pioneer work of Methodism in Sacramento.

In 1850 or 1851, when the cholera killed so many, Sutter's Fort which was then an army fortress, was turned by him into a hospital and was conducted by him till the epidemic was over. He secured an appointment as surgeon in the Union Army about 1862-63, and served with the Army of the Potomac till the close of the war, and after the war closed he acted as surgeon of the Regiment in Louisiana till he was honorably discharged with the rank of Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army. He died in Louisiana about 1892, at 78 years of age.

Rev. Isaac Owen



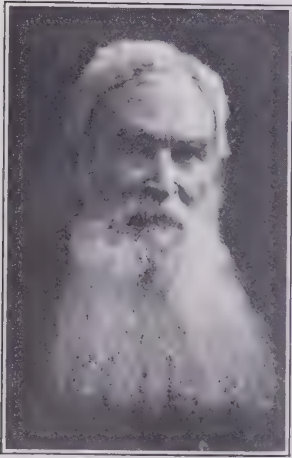
The first regular pastor appointed to First Church, Sacramento, was the Rev. Isaac Owen. Rev. William Taylor and he were the first regular pioneer preachers sent to California by the authority of the Church. Taylor came by the way of Cape Horn; Owen came by ox-team across the plains. Both reached California about the same time. Taylor began his work in San Francisco; Owen began his under the shade of the trees near where Grass Valley now stands, September 23, 1849. Taylor arrived in San Francisco, September 21, 1849;

Owen was transferred in 1848, but failed to start for California till the spring of 1849. He preferred a trip across the continent.

Owen did not stop at Sacramento, but pushed on to San Francisco. He did not know his appointment to Sacramento made by Roberts, so he crossed the Sacramento River, drove on to Benicia, enroute for San Francisco. Learning at Benicia that Taylor was appointed to San Francisco and already at work there, he returned to Sacramento. His faithful oxen, exhausted from the 2000-mile pull from Indiana to the Pacific Coast, he shipped most of his goods on a schooner bound up the river and he rapidly drove his wagon back, with less than half freight, so as to be on hand to receive the cargo from the schooner. The way-worn missionaries, says Bishop Taylor, had to wait many days for their needed goods to arrive. Rough weather delayed and the schooner capsized and all the mission goods, clothing, beds, books, etc., had to be fished up from the river. How essential such an outfit would be to the missionaries in those early days, when so far away from the base of supplies, can easily be imagined.

Bishop Taylor says that when he reached San Francisco, he found a class of twenty souls under the care of Asa White, a Local Preacher. In his first afternoon he sought for tidings of his friend, Isaac Owen. Bro. Asa White handed him a letter from Rev. William Roberts, Superintendent of the Oregon and California Mission Conference, informing him that he had been appointed preacher in charge of San Francisco station, and Rev. Isaac Owen to the charge of Sacramento

City and Stockton. He further informs us that Rev. Isaac Owen commenced his pastoral work in Sacramento about three weeks after his arrival in San Francisco. His missionary party consisted of himself, wife and five children, and Rev. James Corwin, who had located from the Indiana Conference to accompany his old friend and fellow member of the same Conference, and to devote himself to the itinerant work in California, to which he did devote himself the remaining years of his life.



Bishop Wm. Taylor

First Parsonage

Upon his arrival in Sacramento, Owen made his home in a tent until he built a parsonage at a cost of \$5000. It wasn't a mansion at that price, as we might suppose. Building material and everything else then came high. Bishop Taylor said he had trouble to find a place for his family in San Francisco. Anything decent for a house to live in could not be rented for less than \$400 or \$500 per month. That was out of the question for a Methodist preacher. Hearing of a board shanty 12 feet square for \$10 per month, it seemed a practicable thing to inquire after. He hastened to secure it, but alas, he was too late—an Episcopal minister had already taken it. Bishop Taylor said facetiously that he was not in the "succession."

Cost of Living

We may form some idea of the cost of living at that early date from the following items: Lumber sold at \$300 to \$400 per thousand feet. Chickens, which are usually associated with preachers, came high. Mrs. Taylor wished to add some chickens to her housekeeping outfit and she asked of a lady who kept them, the price of two hens and a rooster. "Since you are the wife of a minister," said the lady, "I will sell you them cheap. You may have them for \$18." The price was paid. Eggs were 50 cents each by wholesale. The retailers made 25 cents each additional for their profits. Potatoes were 50 cents per pound. South American apples were 50 cents per one. Fresh beef was 50 cents per pound. Dried apples sold at 75 cents per pound. Oregon butter sold at \$2.50 per pound. Flour was \$50 per barrel. Bishop Taylor says milk was \$1 per quart. His milk woman did business in eggs, and when he was short in cash he would exchange two

eggs for a quart of milk. She bought eggs at \$6 per dozen and resold them at \$9 per dozen. The good Bishop got tired of that sort of an arrangement, and so he came to Sacramento and bought a good cow for \$200.



First Church Building, Baltimore-California Chapel

A few items concerning this unique building will not be amiss. While the Rev. William Taylor, after his appointment to California by the General Conference which met in Baltimore, and under Bishop Waugh, 1848, was preparing for the trip to California via Cape Horn, his friends in Baltimore, framed and furnished a chapel 24 by 36 feet, and prepared for it a tin roof, already for putting up on their arrival. He served a short apprenticeship under a good Brother Day in putting on tin roofing, so that, in the absence of a tinsmith, he could put on the roof himself.

Bishop Taylor informs us that this work of providing a chapel was undertaken by his North Baltimore people, but that a large number of the city churches proposed to have a share in the work, on the condition that he would by appointment duly announced, preach, and that Annie, his wife, and he would sing. The churches that helped under this arrangement were Eutaw Street Church, Fayette, Columbia, Caroline, Eastern Avenue, and others. The choir of Monument Street Church gave a concert of sacred song in aid of the chapel and outfit, which netted a good return. The ladies had a large pulpit Bible and

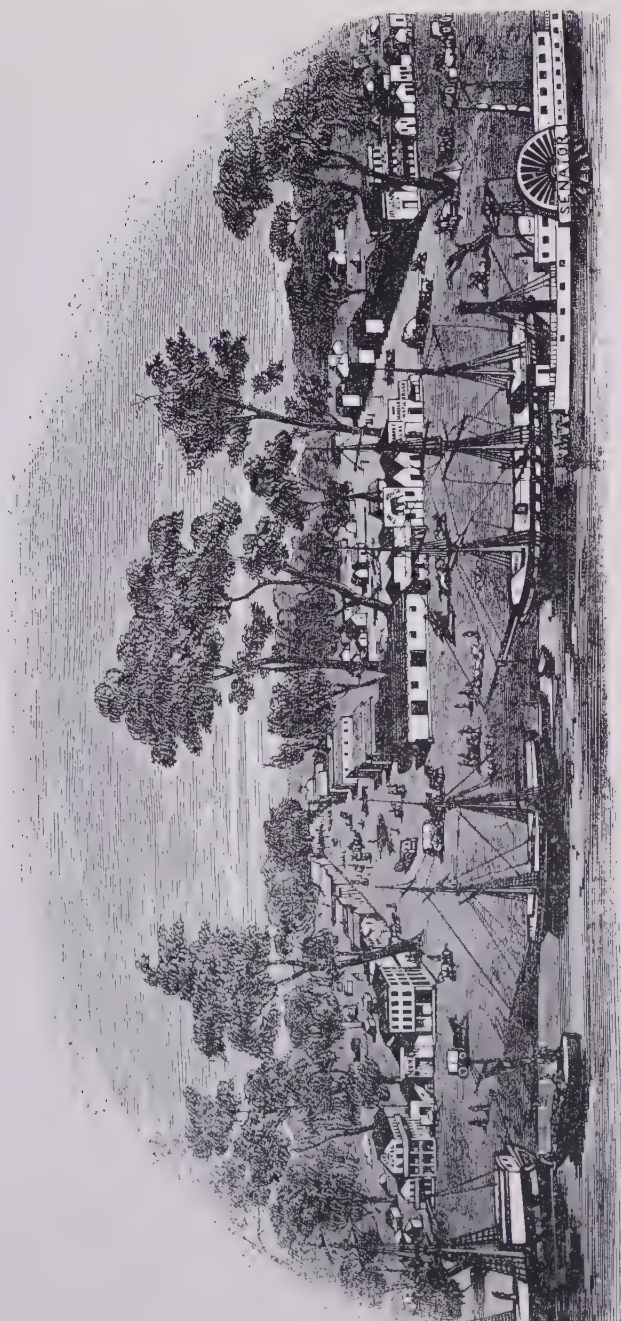
hymn book lettered "Baltimore-California Chapel." The presentation of them to Rev. Taylor was part of the program. What souvenirs of rare interest and value would that Bible and hymn book be today, but who knows where either may be found? We present a picture of the chapel and the first parsonage which was a find to us of rarest value.

The Baltimore-California Chapel was meant for San Francisco, but at Roberts' orders Taylor shipped it on to Sacramento, as the society here was stronger and more in need of its immediate use. Roberts was to send down from Oregon lumber for a larger building in San Francisco. This chapel was soon erected on a lot kindly donated to the Church by General Sutter. It was placed on the southeast corner of Seventh and L streets, where now stands the beautiful Colonial Building. The chapel was placed on the rear end of the lot. It was not a large building, but it must have been imposing among the tents and shanties that at that time constituted Sacramento City. Owen was not long in getting his church in place, and he was soon preaching to crowds of adventurers in the chapel, which was the first house of worship in the city.

Bishop Taylor says the next morning after his arrival from San Francisco, at the home of Bros. Deal and Prettyman, the Sabbath of January 6, 1850, these brethren conducted him to the Baltimore-California Chapel, where he met Owen and Corwin. Taylor preached that morning on "God commendeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

First Church Organization

When Owen had returned to Sacramento from his uncompleted trip to San Francisco, he had nothing but the clothes on his back that he had worn across the plains. It is claimed by some that he had lost all else through the drunkenness of the boatman to whom he had entrusted his goods. Though not in an up-to-date clergy outfit, he began his work the first Sabbath after his arrival. His first sermon was heard under an oak tree that then grew at a spot near the corner of Third and L streets, where he preached to as many as he could gather. The date was October 23, 1849. Five days later, "Father Owen," as he was called, met seventy-two persons in Dr. Miller's store and formed the organization, the seventy-two enrolling their names on the first record book of what is now the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Sacramento. It would be of most precious value to possess that original record book and to know all the names of those charter members. But no such record book is to be found and no living person can tell us all those honored names.



SACRAMENTO IN THE WINTER OF 1849

Character Sketch of Owen

Bishop Taylor gives us a good idea of the character of Rev. Isaac Owen in the following few touches: He was a thickset, muscular man, in height about 5 feet 9 inches. His eyes and hair were black, his face round, with an easy, pleasant smile on his countenance that was ever-abiding. He was a good preacher, very clear and strong. His preaching was earnest and practical, characterized by clear Scriptural expositions and familiar illustration. Though he did not study in collegiate halls, he had a thorough, practical education in real life, and he was familiar with his Greek Testament. He was a man of indomitable energy and courage and perseverance. Bishop Morris said of him: "Owen never gives up; he always does what he undertakes; if he cannot do it one way he will another." This can be seen in his power of endurance. After suffering many hardships in crossing the plains with his ox-team, he was nearly drowned by the carelessness of a drunken crew in capsizing a schooner in Suisun Bay. Escaping with only the clothes he wore, which were rusty from constant use in crossing the plains, he came on to Sacramento and preached and performed his duties.

Owen, according to Taylor, was one of the greatest beggars in the world. He had a natural talent for it and was thoroughly skilled in the business. When he thought a certain portion of a man's money ought to be appropriated to a special church enterprise in which he was engaged (and he always had one on hand), and got after him, that man had just as well, like old Dan Boone's coon, give up at once. Merchants told Taylor when they saw Owen coming they hastened to shake hands and say: "How much money will you have today from us, Owen? Here is ten dollars, Mr. Owen, you don't need to state the case."

On January 7, 1850, says Taylor, Dr. Deal and he dined with Bro. Owen and family and they had a sumptuous dinner consisting of roast pork, sweet potatoes and a variety of good things hardly to be expected in California at that day. Brother and Sister Owen had not fully recovered from the wear and tear of their long journey across the plains, and their sad reverses after their arrival. Yet in the short time they had been at work, they had put up the Baltimore-California Chapel and built a \$5000 parsonage.

Owen and Taylor Plan for Future

During Taylor's first visit to Sacramento, he and Owen walked and talked for several days and laid the foundation of a mutual friendship that never was marred. They discussed the educational interests and plans for the future which eventuated in our present University

of the Pacific. They decided to immediately extend the sphere of their pastoral work, Owen to include with Sacramento City, Stockton, Benicia and the region generally north of the bay, while Taylor in addition to San Francisco, should occupy San Jose and Santa Cruz. Owen explained to Taylor his plans for the foundation of Methodism in California which he had developed before leaving his native state. Among them was the establishment of a Book Depository, for which he had already ordered more than a thousand dollars worth of books from the Methodist Book Concern, New York, and owed nothing on account of them. That was the beginning of our present magnificent new Book Depository, which building now adorns City Hall Avenue, San Francisco. Owen's plan for the founding of a university had to bide its time for want of pupils, for they only had six or eight children at that time and not enough in the whole State to employ and support one schoolmarm. But before many years, and largely through Owen's persistent faith and energy, the University of the Pacific, the first institution of its kind regularly chartered by the State of California, was built and manned and well filled with students.

The Flood of 1850

Bishop Taylor says: "In the evening of that memorable day with Bro. Owen, (Wednesday, January 9, 1850), he accompanied me to tea with Bros. Deal and Prettyman, and spent the evening in social and Christian conversation till about 8 p. m. When he started for his home, we accompanied him to the door, when to our surprise, in the dry season and not a drop of rain, the streets which were dry when we had passed on them three hours before, were now beds of rapidly flowing rivers. The dissolving snows of the mountains had so swollen the Feather and the Sacramento Rivers that the city was submerged. Bro. Owen waded a couple of squares and then hailed a driver and paid him \$2 to take him two blocks. He then got a boatman to ferry him to his home adjoining the chapel. I was to leave for my return trip by the 'Senator' next morning. I took refuge in Deal's home till after tea, but fearing the city might go to sea that night without rudder or sails, and preferring to go to sea in a boat than in a house, I bade my friends adieu at 9 p. m. and waded thigh deep about 200 yards, and got aboard the steamer and passed the night comfortably as far as self was concerned, but felt great suspense and sorrow for the suffering strugglers in the great waters which were destroying their property and imperiling their lives.

"Thursday, January 10, 1850," writes the Bishop, "this morning I went up on the foretop of a store-ship anchored near our steamer, to take a survey of an entire city under water. I could not discover a single speck of land in sight, except a little spot of a few feet on the



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levee near our boat. The boatmen were navigating the streets in whale boats in every direction. The flood prevailed for days, bearing on its heaving bosom tents and small buildings of the city, and a large proportion of their stock of horses, mules, cows and oxen brought over the plains by hundreds. It was difficult to save the stock, for the valley for several miles in width and in length for more than a hundred miles, was an unbroken sea of water. The dwellers took refuge in the second story of the few houses remaining and on boats and vessels at anchor in the river."

Rev. James Corwin accompanied Rev. Wm. Taylor on the return trip to San Francisco. It cost \$2 per meal and \$10 per stateroom. The fare was \$30, but the captain carried Taylor free.

We are pleased to be able to present a picture of that terrible flood. Some time after securing it our attention was called to a large picture of the flood of 1850 hanging in Superior Judge Hughes' office. In comparing the two we find them duplicates of the same original, and judging from the following voucher, we believe the picture an exact reproduction of the original:

Hongkong, July 20, 1895.

This picture of Sacramento, under the great flood of January, 1850, was discovered in an "Old Curiosity Shop," in China, in January, 1895, and purchased by James McWilliams, who presented it to his friend, Col. James McNasser of Sacramento.

The Chinese from whom it was purchased, carried it from California in 1855, and regarded it with profound veneration.

The rise of the river during the flood, occasioned by heavy rains and the melting of snow from the mountains, was about 20 feet.

The small island covered with tents at the head of J street on the left is called by the Indians, Sacum, a knoll of ground made by the Indians and the only dry spot visible for miles along the flood. In the distance at the head of J street will be seen Sutter's Fort, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from levee. In the extreme distance will be seen the Sierra Nevada Mountains, or the Gold Regions, whose tops are mostly covered with snow the year round, and present a most striking and beautiful appearance when viewed from the city.

The City Hotel, the large frame building facing on the levee or river, on the left of J street, was built during the summer of 1849, at a cost of \$78,000. The Sutter Hotel, the large frame building facing the levee on the extreme right was built during the fall of 1849, at cost of \$50,000.

We cheerfully concur in recommending the above picture as being a true and accurate drawing of the City of Sacramento, as it appeared during the flood of January, 1850.

CAPT. JOHN A. SUTTER.

J. L. THOMAS,

Afcade of Sacramento City.

J. H. GIBS,

Editor the "Placer Times," Sacramento City.

HERBERT PRIEST,

Firm Priest, Lee & Co.

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GEORGE W. CASILEAR and

HENRY BAINBRIDGE.

Owen Flees for Safety

Owen and family, after a few days' imprisonment in the upper story of the parsonage, fled for safety to some dry spot. His church had been carried from its foundation, by the flood, and his dwelling rendered untenable. On January 17, 1850, he and his family arrived in San Francisco on their way to San Jose Valley. To give themselves some time for recuperation and preparation for their new home, they made a temporary settlement in Bro. Asa White's house with the blue cloth cover, which, naturally, in view of the migratory character of its owners, was vacant at the time. Taylor engaged Owen to fill his pulpit while he went to prospect San Jose and Santa Cruz for several weeks.

Builds First Book Depository

It was during this enforced absence from his Sacramento parish that Owen, assisted by Taylor, built the first Methodist Book Depository on the Pacific Coast. "February 10, 1850," says Taylor, "Bro. Owen and I, assisted by a few brethren, dug the foundation and commenced the erection of a small Book Room adjoining the Church on Powell street. Carpenters' wages were \$12 a day, so, being unable to pay such prices, we did the work with our own hands and did not consider it a hardship. Having ordered \$2000 worth of books from New York, mostly the productions of the Methodist Book Concern, intended to help in the work in California, the books had been shipped on the "Arkansas" and reached the port the day before Owen had left Sacramento. This was the first Book Depository in California or on the Coast. It cost \$15 for the landing and \$40 for drayage on the books." Bishop Taylor had charge of its business, in addition to his large pastoral and pulpit work for three or four years. The stock was then increased and Rev. Owen employed a regular bookseller to devote his whole time to it.

A Sad Bereavement

Bishop Taylor describes the sad bereavement which befell Rev. Owen's family while occupying Father White's shanty in San Francisco. The little daughter, 2 years old, took croup and died February 13th. She was a beautiful child, and they having carried her across the plains, she became an early partner in their trials and sufferings and had greatly endeared herself to all the family. The weather-beaten missionary and his quiet, patient wife joined hands and bowed together over the corpse of that lovely babe, and kissed a final farewell till the resurrection.

Bishop Taylor said it was a scene that caused him to weep whenever he recalled it. The good brother bowed his head and received

the shock like a veteran in the army of God, inured to 'hardness as a good soldier'; but Mrs. Owen, dear woman, had been so worn by hardship and toil, and her nervous system was so shattered, that the lightning seemed to strike through her whole being. She never fully recovered from the effects of that bereavement. She was a quiet, pious, sensible woman, but evidently from the time of her arrival in California, was but a wreck, physically, of what she had been in the days of her sunshine and hope. Bro. Treat Clark made a neat coffin for the little girl's remains, and Bro. Hattler and I dug the grave on the northwest corner of Powell Street Church lot, and we buried there the little jewel of Jesus, the first member of our first California corps of Missionaries to pass on to the celestial city."

Owen Returns

Soon after this great sorrow, Owen removed his family to San Jose, where he built a small house half a mile east of the town, in which he settled Mrs. Owen with his daughter and three sons, and Mrs. Owen's father. On March 2nd he returned alone to his pastoral charge in Sacramento City. The waters having subsided, he had his church, which had been washed from its foundation, brought back to its moorings, and he took up again his pastoral duties with usual characteristic push and energy. The church was not injured to any extent by the flood. He continued his labors until the next fall, when he then entered the work of Presiding Elder, which he followed most of his ministerial life.

According to the Conference Record, Owen was sent to Sacramento by the Oregon and California Mission Conference, held in Salem, Oregon, September 5, 1849. To Sacramento was added Coloma and Stockton, and one to be supplied. At the second session of the Mission Conference, held at Salem, September 4, 1850, Isaac Owen was made Presiding Elder of the California District. The record states that Rev. S. D. Simonds was assigned to Sacramento, which had organic existence by this time.

Rev. James Corwin

The name of Rev. James Corwin has already been mentioned. He had been a member of the same Indiana Conference with Owen and he located to accompany his friend to California. His first object was to help Owen with his family over the plains, which he did, driving his team over the plains and mountains. The other reason was his desire to enter the itinerant work on the Pacific Coast, which he did, and worked faithfully till his death. He was a very useful man, not only in getting sinners converted, but also in building churches and parsonages. He helped Rev. Owen to build our first parsonage in Sacramento, and with his work in general at the beginning.

Rev. M. C. Briggs, D. D., 1850-51



One of the first among the early builders of California Methodism is the name of Martin C. Briggs, D. D. From C. V. Anthony's "Fifty Years of Methodism," we learn that the same steamer that brought the glad tidings of Statehood, brought also a trio of Methodist preachers to San Francisco, men who were destined to make no ordinary impression upon the early history of the Church in the land of gold. These men were Briggs, Simonds and Bannister. Most all who lived in the early days of California knew of these men. Who that has lived long in the State since then has not heard of them?

The length of time required in making the trip by steamer in those days exposed the passengers to the great danger of contracting the Panama fever, a malarial disease of great malignity. It is said Simonds was very sick and Briggs but little better. Briggs took to hard work, traveling over the region north of the bay. As soon as he had shaken himself free of the symptoms of the fever, he hurried on to Sacramento, the place assigned him at the Mission Conference of 1850. His popularity being so great, the Baltimore-California Chapel had to be enlarged to double its original capacity during his first year. Dr. Briggs was a king on the public platform in public speech and in debate, and in his oratorical war against slavery was large indeed. His sermons and lectures were masterpieces of fact and logic, and were "mighty thunderbolts" against the evil thing, and his influence was large in deciding the State against slavery.

In 1852, Dr. Briggs was elected to represent his California brethren in the General Conference at Baltimore. His mission was the formation of an Annual Conference in California, which he succeeded in bringing about. He also brought with him that excellent and very capable woman, Miss Ellen Green as the presiding queen of his California home. It was understood by the Conference in 1851 that Dr. Briggs was sent to Sacramento only till relieved by some one from the East, when he was to go to Market Street, San Francisco.

Dr. Briggs is the only pastor who served this church three terms—1850-51, 1863-65, 1875-78. A few snapshots from his last pastorate may be of interest. September 10, 1875, there were two Sunday Schools, the English on Sixth street, and the Chinese School. November 6, 1875, J. N. Young was appointed Sunday School Superintendent

for the English School, and S. M. Kiefer for the Chinese School. In the pastor's report, is found this shot which was evidently needed at the time: "With a bridle for the tongue, a Bible for the understanding, and the unwritten law of love for the heart, we shall prosper and prevail."

September 10, 1875, the Stewards were Bros. D. W. Welty, Davis, Huntoon, Messersmith, Peter Bohl, John Watt, Dillman, Breckenfeldt, F. T. Phillips, J. N. Young. March 27, 1876, Bro. L. B. Hinman was approved as the Superintendent of the H Street Sunday School. The members of the Quarterly Conference were: Huntoon, Watt, Wardle, Dillman, Henley, Walter, L. S. Taylor, L. B. Hinman, Phillips, Peter Bohl. September 11, 1876, D. W. Welty, Superintendent of the Sunday School, reported. The character of Leroy B. Hinman, Local Preacher, was passed. Bro. Hayton was added to the Board of Stewards. April 16, 1877, Bro. Welty was elected a Steward instead of J. N. Young, who had assumed the duties of Sunday School Superintendent. C. A. Maydwell was Secretary of the Quarterly Conference. September 8, 1877, L. B. Sutliff and D. Flint were added to the Board of Trustees. December 31, 1877, the character of Bro. Bell as acting Sunday School Superintendent, was approved.

Rev. Royal B. Stratton, D. D.

Rev. Royal B. Stratton relieved Dr. Briggs during his first pastorate. He arrived by the steamer "Oregon," November 17, 1851. He had been connected with one of the New York Conferences since 1846. He was one of the most brilliant preachers of the early days. He was eloquent, scholarly and evangelical.

The following, touching his pastorate, is taken from the "Sacramento Daily Union," Tuesday, June 22, 1852:

The Methodist Episcopal Church—Laying of the Cornerstone of a New Church—The Methodist Episcopal Society of this city, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Stratton, intend laying the cornerstone of a new church edifice at the corner of Seventh and L streets, this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Appropriate religious ceremonies will be held on the occasion.

The organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city took place in October, 1849, under the supervision of Rev. Isaac Owen. They worshipped in a building 24 by 36, sent out by the Baltimore Conference.

In November, 1850, Rev. M. C. Briggs took charge of the society, and under his efficient labors the society so increased in numbers that an addition of 24 by 36 was made to the church building. In October,

1851, Rev. Mr. Stratton was called to the pastoral charge of the church, Mr. Briggs having assumed the editorial chair of the "California Advocate." During the time this Methodist clergyman has been engaged in his labors, the society has enjoyed its former prosperity, and the church is frequently crowded. A Sabbath School, numbering from 80 to 90 scholars, is connected with the congregation. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that funds be raised for the erection of a brick edifice sufficiently capacious to seat comfortably all who might wish to connect themselves with the congregation. Accordingly, enough was subscribed to warrant the commencement of the building.

The new church is to be 50 by 80, and 30 feet in height; to be surmounted with a belfry. A bell and organ will also be procured for the church on its completion. The Trustees, relying upon the successful efforts already made, have determined that the new church shall be completed within two months.

This new brick church was one of unusual elegance. The cornerstone was laid June 22, 1852, Rev. S. D. Simonds making the address. Revs. J. A. Benton, Congregationalist, O. E. Wheeler, Baptist, and W. R. Gober, M. E. Church, South, participated. The glad day was nearing, Sunday November 3d, when the church was to be dedicated, but a terrible fire broke out in the city on Saturday and destroyed \$5,000,000 worth of property, among which was the new brick church. Mr. A. C. Sweetser, a '49 er, and all these years an honored and devoted member of the Congregational Church of this city, gave us a splendid description of both this brick church and the Baltimore Chapel. He says he watched the brick church burn and when he saw the flames reach the cupola, he knew there was no hope of saving the church and he left, feeling as badly as if it were his own church. This dauntless company hastened into shape a cheap building on the ashes of the former church. Then they erected a frame building on the ground where the Baltimore house had stood. The brick had been built diagonally across the street from it. The society made use of this for several years when they bought the present lot on Sixth street. They sold the old building to the Jews, who used it as a Synagogue.

Rev. Warren Oliver, 1853-55



Revs. Warren Oliver and Elijah Merchant were the pastors of the church from 1853 to 1855. Warren Oliver was one of the pioneer preachers. He was a man with a good record when he came to California and his life in California was irreproachable. He never did much work in the regular ministry, as he was under the mighty incubus of many another preacher, financial embarrassment. Conscientious, he left the ministry till he could pay his debts. His struggles with adversity kept him out till it was inexpedient for him to enter again the regular work.

Rev. Elijah Merchant, 1853-55

Elijah Merchant, who served part of this term, 1853-55, was also one of the pioneer preachers. Dr. C. V. Anthony, in "Fifty Years of Methodism," gives us the following very interesting items: "In February, 1856, there was a ministerial association in Shasta. It consisted of Ebenezer Arnold, Presiding Elder of Mt. Shasta District; M. C. Briggs of Marysville, Elijah Merchant of everywhere, for he was financial agent and corresponding editor of the 'California Christian Advocate'; H. B. Sheldon of Shasta, Rev. Martin Kellogg, Presbyterian, just out in the interests of the home missionary society of that Church, but destined in time to be



known as Professor and President of the University of California, and C. V. Anthony, itinerant of Trinity County and regions beyond. Mr. Arnold talked of Methodism, Dr. Briggs gave us lessons in practical theology, a thing we all needed very much; Kellogg put in kindly and fraternal words as they seemed to be needed; the balance—well, they did what they could. The association continued over Sunday, for that Sunday was to be memorable as the day on which E. Merchant and Mary Arnold were to be united for life, and it was for life. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. No wonder, for weddings were a great rarity in those days. The bridal party, ushered by the pastor of the church, marched in just before the sermon, when Dr. Briggs

tied the knot, and then preached on the text, 'It is not good for man to be alone.' A happier wedding party has been rarely seen. At the conference of 1857, about one year and a half after the event described above, Merchant was sent to Los Angeles, to a society of twenty members, and a church that cost \$250. It was a hard charge and yet the itinerant's compliment. As the writer shook hands with him after the appointments were read out, he exclaimed, "I have the best appointment in the Conference." It certainly was to him, for from it he soon took flight for eternal worlds. He died at his post of duty, Octo-



ber 25, 1857. His wife and child were with her mother, in Scott Valley, about as far away as they could be and yet be in the same State. His son, an infant of a few weeks, he never saw. In those days the example of Wesley in making brief memoirs was much nearer followed than now. As this was the first death ever recorded among the members of the California Conference, it will not be amiss to give the whole of it in this place:

Elijah Merchant was born of Christian parents, in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1827; was created anew in Christ Jesus in 1847; experienced the blessing of perfect love in 1849; was licensed to exhort and to preach in 1849; received into the Baltimore Conference on probation and appointed to Front Royal Circuit in 1850; appointed to Rockingham Circuit in 1851; transferred to the California Conference in March, 1852; appointed the first year to Plumas Circuit, the second to Sonora and Columbia, the third to Sacramento City, the fourth and fifth to the agency of the "California Christian Advocate," the sixth to Los Angeles, where he fell asleep in October of last year, leaving behind a youthful wife, and an infant son that never heard his father's voice. He was studious, eminently methodical, an urbane gentleman, a devout Christian, an instructive preacher, a tireless worker, a brave reformer, a faithful friend, and accomplished more in seven brief years than a less earnest man would do in seven times seven. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

The ashes of this honored pioneer preacher and pastor of First Church rest in a grave plot in the old Helvetia Cemetery, in the outskirts of Sacramento. The following words are recorded upon his tombstone: "Elijah Merchant, member of the California Conference, at Los Angeles, October 26, 1857, aged 28 years. "I have fought a good fight." The ashes of other deceased members of the California Conference consecrate this plot of ground, and it is to be hoped if this old cemetery be removed, as is talked of, California Methodism will see to it that the ashes of these departed Methodist preachers be re-buried and the spot suitably marked and kept green.

As Elijah Merchant heads the list of the "Honored Dead" of the California Annual Conference, a picture of his grave and tombstone is not out of place in this history.

Rev. N. P. Heath, 1855



Rev. N. P. Heath was appointed as pastor of this church in 1855. He was transferred to this Conference from the East, where he had served faithfully and well for seventeen years before coming to California. He was a man of marked ability, a very good preacher, and in many ways well adapted to the work in California, according to C. V. Anthony. Yet he never seemed contented in California, and in 1856, he was appointed to Howard Street Church, which was then located on Folsom Street, and he was promised a transfer East as soon as he could pay off the church debt. He did it and only a few months after was transferred East, never

to return. It is obvious that his brief stay with First Church made but little impression.

Rev. George Phillips, 1855-57

Rev. George S. Phillips served this church, 1855-57. He arrived in San Francisco February 11, 1852. He was successively Pastor, Presiding Elder, Principal of the Female Department of the University of the Pacific, until 1861, when he returned to Ohio. He is described as a man of rather under size, light complexion, pleasant face, free of speech, a good man and a good preacher. He served as Chaplain in the army during the war.

Some Rare Data

An interesting bit of historic data might be added at this point. It is taken from a paper entitled "Illustrated History of Sacramento," and bears the date of 1855. Though it may reiterate some things already stated, yet as confirming these things, and with added items of interest, we deem it worth while. Preceding the article touching the Methodist Church, is a picture of the old Baltimore-California Chapel and the old parsonage. The following is the article:

"In the month of October, 1849, the Rev. Isaac Owen, of the Indiana Conference, arrived in this city, as a Missionary to California, accompanied by his family. He found previously to his arrival, the place had been visited by the Rev. William Roberts, who was at that time the Methodist Missionary in Oregon, and had been presented by Captain Sutter with a lot of ground on the corner of Seventh and L streets, as a site for the building of a house of worship. There was also on the ground, ready for erection, the frame of a small house, which had been procured by their friends in Baltimore and sent hither by Rev. William Taylor, of San Francisco. This was immediately put up and was the first church built in Sacramento. The dimensions of this small chapel were 24 by 36 feet, it was of the plainest description, had a small bell upon it, and at the opening was well attended by the citizens generally. A suitable and very comfortable parsonage was built at the same time, for the accommodation of the minister and his family.

"The society prospered under the ministrations of Rev. Mr. Owen; a Sabbath School was also established early in Spring of 1850. At this time, the Rev. Mr. Owen was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Deal, of Baltimore, and Rev. James Rogers. (The name of Rogers suggests a point of historic interest. In the records of the California Conference for 1851, two men were received on probation into the Conference, one of whom was James Rogers. He was teaching in Sacramento some time before this in a school that was adopted by this Conference as the 'Sacramento Seminary.' His first appointment was as Principal of this school. He was ordained Elder in 1855, and located in 1860.)

“In the month of December of this year, the Rev. M. C. Briggs was sent as pastor, and Mr. Owen was transferred to the San Francisco District. The congregation now increased, and it was soon found necessary to enlarge the building, which was accordingly done, and furnished with suitable furniture and fixtures. When the alterations were made, the building was capable of accommodating about double the number of the former house. The cost of this property at the time was about \$14,000.

“The society soon prospered under the preaching of Mr. Briggs, to an extent not before attained. In the fall of this year, 1851, Mr. Briggs was transferred to San Francisco, and the Rev. R. B. Stratton was appointed to take charge of the station, and was well received. In January, 1852, the Sabbath School had considerably increased—the number of scholars being about 70, which was at that time considered a large school. In May of this year, a Mission in Sacramento was also established.

“At this time, it was deemed necessary to make further alterations or additions, and, upon consideration, the Trustees resolved to dispose of the old building with the ground upon which it stood; which they accordingly did, to the Hebrew Society, and commenced the building of a spacious and very neat brick edifice, which was the first brick church in California. The size of this house was 50 feet wide by 80 feet in length, with a ceiling 28 feet high. At this time the Sabbath School Library contained 700 volumes. The cornerstone of the church was laid on the 22d of June, 1852, on which occasion there was a large concourse of citizens in attendance. The services were conducted by the Rev. S. D. Simonds, of San Francisco. The building was nearly completed, being ready for the seats, when the great fire of November 2, 1852, took place, which destroyed the greater part of the city, and with it the beautiful church edifice, prostrating the hopes of the society and leaving them heavily in debt.

“The society was kindly tendered the use of the church under the Pastoral Charge of Rev. Mr. Benton, on Sunday afternoons, which was gladly accepted for a time, after which early the following spring the Sabbath School erected a cloth house on the site of the building destroyed by fire, where the society struggled along through the different phases of adversity, until they built their present house of worship, which is occupying the identical ground on which stood the first little chapel erected by them in 1849.

“The society is now in a prosperous condition and contemplates during the present or coming year to erect in a more central position, a more commodious house of worship.”

Rev. J. W. Ross, D. D., 1857-59



No name among all the pastors who served this Church has a more precious memory than that of J. W. Ross. He was born in Brown County, Ohio, June 20, 1823. He was born and reared in a Christian home, his father being a successful class leader most all his life. He was licensed to preach August 7, 1847, and admitted on trial in the Ohio Conference in 1848. In the Conference of 1857 he was transferred by Bishop Simpson from the Kentucky Conference to the California Conference. He was one of the leading pastors and strong man until his health broke. Dr. Anthony relates of Bro. Ross that in 1866, when he was Presiding

Elder of the Marysville District, he was at a camp meeting near the Buttes. A lay brother, known for the magniloquence of his speech, said to some preachers: "I tell you, brethren, John W. Ross is an *e pluribus unum*." Then, for the benefit of those who did not understand Latin, he added: "He is one among a thousand." Dr. Anthony says: "We all agreed with him in fact, but would have been quite incapable of putting it in such felicitous style."

Dr. Ross says that his first charge in California was Seventh street, Sacramento. The church building was a small frame on Seventh street, east side, about the middle of the block. He says: "In regard to the church building which I found in September, 1857, when I arrived in Sacramento as pastor of the Seventh Street Church, you can imagine a plain frame house about 60 by 30 feet, with two doors in front. The walls and ceiling were covered with cloth and paper, and no plaster. It stood on Seventh street, east side, about the middle of the block bounded on the north by L and on the south by M streets. Between the two doors a platform elevated a foot or so, facing the pulpit, afforded space for the choir. One room was all the accommodation provided for public service and Sunday School. The crushing debt which the feeble church assumed after the burning of the former church, when I took charge, had been reduced to a few hundred dollars, which they paid during my first year. They, therefore, owned at the close of my first year, a small parsonage beside the church, and a very cheap house for public worship free from debt." He says about the middle of his second year, the church was sold to the Jews and converted into a synagogue. The present lot was then bought and the first story of the present building was put up. A floor was laid in the basement, and rough boards were placed overhead. This made the

chapel for some weeks before his two years expired, which at that time was a pastor's utmost limit.

"The official members of the Seventh Street Church," says Dr. Ross, "which I can now remember, were Bros. Barber, A. Henley, G. W. Kneedler, Jacob Welty, Samuel Mervin, George Bell, Charles Walby, P. J. Toll and Bro. Beekley. Though only a few of my friends in Sacramento are left, they are very precious in my memory, and the church as a whole is dear to me."

Laying of the Corner Stone

The following valuable data is gleaned from the files of the "Sacramento Daily Union," Tuesday, April 12, 1859:

"Laying of the Cornerstone of the New Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Rev. Dr. Peek, of San Francisco, Dr. Deal, Revs. Messrs. Briggs, Thomas, Bland and others, will officiate today (Tuesday), at 10 o'clock a. m. in laying the cornerstone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, on Sixth street, between K and L streets. In connection with this society, and as matter of interest at this particular juncture, we have collected the following data:

"Rev. W. Grove Deal, of the City of Baltimore, a Local Preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, arrived in the City of Sacramento the second week in May of 1849, and in the following Sabbath commenced religious services on a schooner at foot of J street. He preached the third Protestant sermon in the city, and from that time he continued to hold regular services every Sabbath in Sacramento, Sutter's Fort and Sutterville, together with ministers of other denominations, until the arrival of Rev. Isaac Owen, appointed to this Coast by the Missionary Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in October, 1849.

"In July of the same year, the city was visited by the Rev. William Roberts, Superintendent of Methodist Missions on this Coast, who preached on Sunday, July 14, 1849, and secured, the following week from Capt. John A. Sutter, a lot on the corner of Seventh and L streets as a site for the erection of a house of worship. He also, with Dr. Deal, secured a subscription for the purpose of bringing up to the city from San Francisco a church edifice secured and brought to this country, from Baltimore City, by the Rev. William Taylor, long known as the Plaza minister or street preacher of San Francisco, then transferred to this country by the Missionary Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Roberts placed in charge of this work the Rev. W. Grove Deal, and returned to Oregon.

"Immediately after the arrival of the Rev. Isaac Owen with his family, he went earnestly to work, and in a few weeks had the chapel

erected and on Sunday, October 24, 1849, announced the dedication service of the new Methodist Episcopal Church for the following Sabbath.

“The parsonage was soon completed, and the pioneer of the church exchanged the tent of the emigrant for the first Methodist parsonage erected in California.

“On the following Sabbath, the day of the dedication of the new church, was held the first Love Feast.

“The church erected was 24 by 36, and although parsonage and church were of the plainest description, it required a large amount of money to complete them, which the citizens cheerfully contributed.

“The Rev. Isaac Owen, assisted by others, held regular services, and attended faithfully to his pastoral duties until the flood of January, 1850, when the church was moved from its foundation to the middle of Seventh street, and remained useless until the flood abated, during which time services were held in Sutter’s Fort.

“On the 29th of January, 1850, the first Sabbath School was organized and a full board of officers appointed, and in April following, E. L. Barber was elected Superintendent. The Rev. Isaac Owen occupied the church on alternate Sabbaths and the remaining portion of the time services were held by the Revs. Deal, Rogers and others.

“Rev. M. C. Briggs arrived in California, November, 1850, and on the first of December, preached his first sermon in Sacramento, being appointed to the city. During the following months the edifice was found too small to accommodate the congregations and the church was enlarged in January, 1852, to twice its regular size, at a cost up to that time of \$14,000.

“In November, 1851, Rev. R. B. Stratton was appointed to the city and he preached his introductory sermon on the 23d, and continued to meet with success until the Trustees felt it needful to again enlarge to make provision for the congregation. The Trustees sold the old church to the Israelites, May 16, 1851, and determined to erect a new one. On the 7th of June the work began on a new brick church, and on the 22d of June the cornerstone was laid. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. S. D. Simonds, now Presiding Elder of the Marysville District.

“On the 19th of September, the first regular services were held in the new church, by Rev. R. B. Stratton, it being furnished with temporary seats. While this building was in course of completion, the fire of November 2, 1852, left the city in ashes and the church in ruins, and a debt of thousands of dollars to be paid by the society. By the assistance of a generous public and the Divine blessings, they have been enabled to pay the debt and provide a house of worship, which was occupied up to last June, when it was sold to the Israelites.

“The Rev. R. B. Stratton was succeeded in 1853 by the Rev. B. F. Rawlins, and at the Conference of same year the Rev. W. Oliver and Elijah Merchant were appointed to the charge. In 1855 the Rev. N. P. Heath was appointed to the charge, who subsequently, by consent of the authorities of the Church, exchanged with Rev. G. S. Phillips, who remained in charge until the Conference of 1857, when the Rev. J. W. Ross was appointed to the charge, and during his first year the remaining portion of the debt was removed. Rev. J. W. Ross was reappointed in 1858 and is now engaged in prosecuting the erection of the present edifice on Sixth street, between K and L streets. The members of the church now number 94.

“The edifice now building is of brick, with a basement story 12 feet high, including a lecture room, pastor’s study and two class rooms. The extreme length is 80 feet, including the tower, and the width 53 feet. When complete the spire is to be 156 feet high. It is to be completed by the 1st of September next.”



THE NEW PARSONAGE

Pastors and Builders During the Last Fifty Years

We have limited the First Messengers and Builders to the years leading up to the beginning of the last fifty years of the history of this church. The first period, that of the early planting, ends with the first pastorate of Rev. J. W. Ross. The second period, that of the last half century, begins with the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Blain.

Rev. J. D. Blain, D. D., 1859-'61



Rev. J. W. Ross was followed by the Rev. J. D. Blain, who carried on the building project to completion. Dr. Blain was a large man physically, and had a big heart. He was a pastor whose fidelity had few equals. He was affable to all men, of every station, and drew men to his ministry who could not be drawn by preachers of greater genius. He was quick to see what was wanted, and very wise to plan for the necessity. He was very zealous in carrying out his plans. He was a native of New Jersey, joining the New Jersey Conference in 1842, and came to the California Conference in 1852. The most herculean task of his life is said to have been the building of Howard

Street Church, San Francisco. His health there began to fail. He could truthfully say, "The zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up." Before he superannuated and returned East, he succeeded in planting Central Church, San Francisco. Before he passed to his eternal crown, his last words to his brethren, it is said, were characteristic of him: "Tell them Methodism needs to be worked, not mended."

The following very valuable piece of history touching Dr. Blain's pastorate, is taken from the files of the "Sacramento Daily Union," Monday, May 14, 1860:

City Intelligence

“Dedication of the Sixth Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

“After many months of such trials and anxieties as only small congregations that pledge themselves to large undertakings can know, the First Methodist Society in this city yesterday witnessed the crowning triumph of their zeal and devotion in the dedication of their noble edifice on Sixth street to the service of Almighty God. This society, or congregation, was organized in 1849, and is the second oldest one in the city. For several years they worshipped in a wooden building on Seventh street, but about two years since they proceeded to put into execution their long-cherished plans of erecting an edifice worthy of their religion, worthy of themselves and of their city. Accordingly they disposed of their old Seventh street building to the Hebrews, and with small funds, entirely inadequate, as we learn, to the task which they set about, laid the plans and commenced the construction of the present edifice. The work of bringing it to completion probably tried the faith, patience and pecuniary abilities of the congregation as sorely as ever a body of Christians engaged in a similar cause, in a new country, was tried before. But they have come out of their struggle handsomely, and yesterday they attested their joy and gratitude by filling the new temple to overflowing, and joining with fervor in the exercises by which it was consecrated to Divine service. And well may the Methodists rejoice on the consummation of their purpose. The new church is one of the finest edifices in the State. Its dimensions are 52 feet front by about 100 feet in depth, and the style of architecture is a pure Gothic. It will have a spire 150 feet in height. The whole cost of the building when completed will be about \$23,000, though the society has thus far laid out about \$17,000 in its erection. The interior is perfectly plain, the walls being white and hard-finished. The ceiling is crossed at wide intervals by oak imitation ties and rafters. The windows are high and Gothic shaped. Indeed, all of the interior as well as exterior proportions of the building denote a correct architectural taste and a refined regard for the harmonies of the place of worship.

“A platform, in which stands a very plain curtained desk, extends along the western end of the church, and on the right of this is an enclosed space set off for the choir. Over the main entrance, at the opposite end, is a space left for an organ, and a gallery will also be added to this part of the church. The pews or slips are comfortable, and will seat about 800 persons. The fronts of the pews are Gothic ornamental, painted in imitation of black walnut. Yesterday was a beautiful day, and the streets were full of church-going people making their way to the various places of Divine worship. The dedicatory



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exercises were announced to take place at the usual hour (half-past 10 a. m.), but it was something later when they commenced. The choir (three male and four female voices) sang a voluntary: 'The Lord Will Comfort Zion.' It was followed by the entrance of the pastor of the church, Rev. J. D. Blain, and the officiating clergymen, Dr. J. T. Peck, of San Francisco, and J. S. Phillips, Principal of the Santa Clara University. On the Rev. Doctor taking his place at the desk, A. Henley, one of the Trustees, as well as the architect and builder of the church, came forward and read the following announcement: 'Rev. Sir: In behalf of the Trustees, I present you this house, to be dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God.'

"Dr. Peck then gave out the 909th hymn, which was sung by the choir and congregation, as follows:

"And will the great eternal God
On earth establish His abode?
And will he, from His radiant throne,
Avow our temples for His own?"

We bring the tribute of our praise,
And sing that condescending grace,
Which to our notes will lend an ear,
And call us sinful mortals near.

These walls we to Thy honor raise,
Long may they echo to Thy praise;
And Thou, descending, fill the place
With choicest tokens of Thy grace.

And in the great, decisive day,
When God the nations shall survey,
May it before the world appear
That crowds were born to glory here!

"Rev. J. D. Blain followed the singing by a prayer of deep earnestness and power, the Rev. J. S. Phillips taking up the exercises at its close by reading a portion of 2nd Chron. 6—Solomon's prayer of consecration in the Temple. The choir then sang an anthem, "Arise, O Lord," and Dr. Peck proceeded to deliver the dedicatory discourse. The portion of Scripture which furnished the theme for the reverend gentleman's very eloquent and earnest effort is the 145 Ps. as follows:

(Then follows the Psalm.)

"The psalm furnished for contemplation the sovereignty of God, which the speaker unfolded in successive themes, showing, first, the Divine authority, and the conformity of our highest reason with its behests, at the same time that the conditions of God's government and plan of grace recognized man's freedom; second, the Divine love, first

in itself, of which the speaker presented a grand conception, illustrating its fullness and vastness, and next in its manifestations to man, exhibiting in a strain of pure eloquence and deep impressiveness the greatness of the mediatorial sacrifice; third, the Divine glory and power; and lastly, the majesty of the Divine Godhead. Though we had taken notes of the discourse, we should despair of doing justice in a synopsis, and must pass over the worthy Doctor's effort, simply by remarking that it was characterized by his usual clear and logical reasoning, forcible and beautiful illustration, and fervid manner, and was received with wrapt attention and evident delight on the part of the congregation. After he had commended the spirit of reverence shown for God's government and gratitude evinced for his goodness, in the erection of this temple, he enjoined further conformity in the lives of his hearers to His gracious word, and concluded with the Dedicatory Prayer, the congregation rising and standing while prayer was being offered.

"The Devotional part of the exercises being over, Rev. J. D. Blain came forward and made a statement of the financial condition of the church. He set before his hearers the facts of the original cost of the building (\$17,000), that there had been paid \$8,500; there had been subscribed towards the payment of the balance, \$1,000, leaving \$7,500 to be collected. He hoped the collection today would realize \$2,000, to which end he called for ten subscribers of \$100 each. To facilitate the process of raising the amount, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Taylor and one or two officers of the church, took a stand in the separate aisles where they could confer with such as wished to donate, and in this way seven of the ten \$100 subscriptions were obtained. A running fire of good-natured raillery and exhortation was in the meantime kept up between the pastor in the aisle and Dr. Peck at the desk. In the end it was found that the collection obtained first by hundreds, next by fifty dollar offerings (of which there were six), next by twenty dollar donations, and lastly by plate, amounted to \$1,300, leaving \$6,200 to be raised. After the collections, the Doxology was sung, and Dr. Peck pronounced the benediction, when the large audience, by this time somewhat thinned out by departures during the collection process, retired, satisfied not alone with the devotional exercises in which they had participated, but also with the successful manner in which they had discharged as part of their obligation in delivering the church from debt. In the evening the collection amounted to \$700, which reduced the debt to \$5,500."

Bro. Bohl was present at this service, and says when they got down to the \$10 subscription he was asked for one of them, and that he gladly gave it, though at that time he was neither a church member nor a Christian.

The following interesting items are gleaned from a letter written the author November 5, 1909, by Mrs. J. D. Blain, who now resides at Newark, N. J.:

Perhaps a little bit of history from one who has a very vivid recollection of the events of those years may be of interest.

At the Conference of 1859, held in Petaluma, Mr. Blain was appointed to the pastorate of Sixth Street Church, Sacramento, to rescue it from the hands of its creditors, and complete the building. The walls were up and roof on. As the contractor, Geo. W. Knoedler, had failed, work was stopped for want of funds to pay the workmen.

The old church and parsonage on Seventh Street had been sold to the Jews. As the people had no place to worship, seats were borrowed and placed in the unfinished basement, and services were held there.

Mr. Blain took up the work with his accustomed zeal, assuming the responsibility of raising the money to pay the workmen and completing the building.

He told the brethren he would depend on the Sunday collections for his support, if they would raise all they could. He put the people under contribution collected every week, and paid the workmen Saturday night; and if he had not raised sufficient, his friend, A. K. Grimm, the banker, loaned him the balance.

To save expense, he made his study in the basement, slept there, thus bringing on a severe attack of fever which nearly cost him his life and retarded the work on the church.

In January, 1860, we were married, and my first work in the itinerancy was to engage with the ladies in a fair and supper, by which we realized over \$500, which helped to finish the church, which was dedicated late in the spring.

To save expense of sexton, Mr. Blain proposed to several of the brethren—E. L. Barber, Bro. Lenoir and several others whose names I do not recall—to take his turn with them in the care of the church.

Congregations were large, a fine Sabbath School was gathered, and prosperity attended the work; till, at the end of the second year, Conference being held in the church, the itinerant wheel made another revolution, and he was stationed at Folsom Street Church, San Francisco, to engage in establishing that church on higher ground, under the new name of Howard Street.

To the work in Sacramento and San Francisco, Mr. Blain gave the best of himself; and it was with a sad heart that, by the advice of physicians, he was obliged to bid farewell, in 1865, to the land he loved so well. In 1876, after a brave struggle with disease, he responded to the call of the Master to "come up higher," and left us to enter into the enjoyments of the heavenly life.

I do not know if any of those early members are still living. Peter Bohl was in the German church.

To all, whether new or old, I send greeting! May the Lord bless you in your work to the gathering into His kingdom of many precious souls! Yours in Christian sympathy,

(MRS.) CAROLINE M. BLAIN.

Rev. Jesse T. Peck, D. D., 1861-'63

Rev. Jesse T. Peck, afterwards Bishop, became a member of the California Conference, 1858. He was noted as a celebrated preacher and writer. He served churches in the Conference well, and filled the office of Presiding Elder with ability. He exercised great influence in the State till he was transferred East to New York, and was later made Bishop. He is remembered as a good-natured, jolly friend, and a preacher of big heart. He kept close tab on the business men of the city and made his rounds among them, and they gladly welcomed and responded to his visits in a material way for the church. (1863-66, see page 26.)

Rev. J. W. Ross, D. D., 1866-'69

Some snapshots from Quarterly Conference reports:

November 17, 1866—Pastor reports not able to visit the school on II street on account of meeting at same time of Sixth street school. This was the year the II street church was made a part of Sixth street church. Received on probation: G. W. Marsh, S. M. Kiefer, Belle Henley, Amelia Walter, Aden Hudson.

February 9, 1867—Two Sunday Schools in the charge, both in a prosperous condition. The average attendance of Sixth street is nearly 200, and that on II street, 50.

Protracted services three weeks. Engaged in union services under labor of Rev. A. B. Earle, with Congregational, Presbyterian, and Baptist, wonderfully blest, forty-five received by probation. By letter, Mrs. B. B. Hinman, Peter C. Miller and others.

August 30, 1867—Received by letter, Abbie Fountain, Mrs. C. J. Pike, W. B. Root, David Carley. Received from probation, G. W. Marsh, S. N. Kiefer, John L. Kiefer, Belle Henley, Israel Luce, James C. Coleman, Maria Coleman, Sarah Longton, Amelia Walter, Clara Henley, Peter Bohl, Chas. H. Stevens, Carrie Stevens, L. Edgar Smith, L. S. Taylor, R. K. Wick, Mary Wick, W. B. Burlingame, Lucy Miller, John L. Huntoon, Charlotte P. Huntoon—29 in all.

At same Quarterly Conference, "Resolved that this Conference request the Annual Conference to make a separate charge of the society formerly known as the II Street Charge." Resolution lost. Stewards: C. S. Haswell, M. S. Hurd, H. L. Templeton, B. F. Pike, J.

P. Thompson, A. Henley, Wm. Walter, Jas. Coleman, S. M. Kiefer. Trustees: B. R. Sweetland, Sylvester Tryon, Peter Bohl. Trustees requested to reincorporate. Bro. Ross' return asked, also next session of California Annual Conference to meet at Sixth Street Church.

January 4, 1868—One S. S. reported with 270 scholars.

March 21, 1868—A vacancy being made by transfer of J. P. Thompson to H Street Charge, J. L. Huntoon was elected to Board of Stewards.

The following interesting letter was received by the author from Dr. Ross, and it makes a valuable addition to this book:

November 9, 1909.

Sacramento was my first home in California, and supplies many delightful and many saddening remembrances. It is hard for me to realize that fifty-two years have passed since I first set foot in that city, and that nearly all those whom I then met have gone to another world.

The hearty cordiality with which the Official Board of our church received me in a body, the morning of my arrival in the city, went a long way in reconciling me to the wide contrast between the charges I had been filling in Ohio, and that new charge, in a new and very peculiar country. The temporal outfit consisted of a small parsonage and a plain frame church building, lined on the inside with cloth and paper, with no room besides an auditorium. Upon that property there was a debt of several hundred dollars, the remnant of what would have crushed a less heroic band. The property was located on the east side of Seventh street, about the middle of the block bounded on the north by L street and on the south by M street. The church building was probably sixty feet long and thirty or forty feet wide, and all rigidly plain.

During my first year the entire debt was cancelled; and during the second year the chapel was sold for a snyagogue, and the present church building begun on Sixth street, and we were worshiping in the unfinished basement when Conference met, and the limit of my pastorate, at that time, was at hand.

Rev. John D. Blain succeeded me, and a more fitting man could not have been chosen for the work which was in hand. Sad to tell, however, a fearful back-set had been given to the church-building enterprise just before the session of Conference, by the building contractor being unable to proceed with his job. The new pastor had this fearful obstacle to encounter at the beginning of his administration. With undaunted courage, he braved the situation and closed two years of most praiseworthy success. It is no discredit to his wisdom, skill, and ceaseless devotion to his work, that he—under all the circumstances—was compelled to close his pastorate leaving a heavy debt upon the property.

His successor was Dr. Jesse T. Peck. His pastorate of two years, from 1861 to 1863, was during the darkest days Sacramento ever saw; and it does not seem to me that any other available man could have conducted the Sixth Street Church through the disastrous results of the flood of 1861 and 1862.

Dr. Peck was succeeded by Dr. Martin C. Briggs, who was permitted by General Conference action to remain three years, which he did with the hearty approbation of the people. During his three years there was a slow recovery of hope for the future of the city to a healthy prosperity, but it required sacrifice and persevering courage and faith on the part of the heroic church to

hold their own in the face of the flood disaster of 1861 and 1862. With skillful planning, constant self-denial, and unflinching effort, they were able to meet their monthly outflow of more than one hundred dollars for interest. This had been going on for seven years when the Conference of 1866 met in the City of San Jose, Bishop Kingsley presiding.

At that Conference, to my surprise, the Presiding Elder of the Sacramento District, Adam Bland, proposed me for the next pastor of the Sixth Street charge, and the Bishop with inflexible tenacity insisted upon that arrangement. When I thought of the burden that church was struggling under, and of my utter unfitness, as it seemed to me, to help it out, I was almost overwhelmed with fear to engage in such a hopeless undertaking. I came nearer rebelling against episcopal authority than on any other occasion in my life.

The fiery trial that I endured in view of my appointment to Sixth Street on account of their financial burden, and my conscious inability to help them, ended in a clear perception, after a careful self-examination, that I was trying to walk by sight, and not by faith. I saw that if I really believed that I was in God's hands, and that it was His plan for me to go to that work, a supposition that I could not lightly set aside, in view of the fact that the Bishop and his entire cabinet, myself excepted (I being one of the Presiding Elders at that time), insisted was their conviction, I would be in danger of taking myself out of God's hands by refusing. Did I really believe the Lord Jesus would be true to His promise, and be with all those who obeyed His command, by going to every open field and teaching people to observe all the things which He has commanded? My heart rebellion gave way to a deep conviction that I had been preaching with more reliance upon myself than upon the promises of God. I was greatly humbled by a realization of the fact that my only sufficiency for doing the work to which I claimed to have been called, was not eloquence, learning, or any human accomplishment, important as these things might be, as adjuncts, but the accompanying presence, guidance and power of the Spirit who gave me my commission.

My mental and spiritual conflict ended in my going to Sixth Street, relying upon God as never before; with a very clear persuasion that the work assigned me was His work, and that I was His chosen messenger to conduct that work for Him.

The cordiality with which the people received me, gave such courage and strength of faith as surprised me.

It is with unspeakable gratitude that I can record the fact, though a personal reproach, that God went beyond the bounds of my faith. I had not been many weeks in my charge until there were evident signs that we needed to hold extra week-night services for enquirers. A number were brought into a knowledge of saving grace, and the general membership was greatly refreshed.

About that time great interest began to be attracted to the advent of the noted Evangelist from Boston, Rev. A. B. Earl, who had begun laboring in San Francisco. The happy results of his labors in San Francisco absorbed the religious interest of Christians all over the State. The evangelical ministers of Sacramento united in an invitation to the Evangelist to conduct union revival services in Sacramento. The invitation was accepted, and services begun near the close of December, 1866, and was conducted for about three weeks, accompanied by heavy rain from beginning to end. The first service was on Monday evening, and the rain was so heavy that the congregation could not have been more than forty, if so many.

Bro. Earl's first sermon was founded upon the words of Jesus, "Have faith in God." He explained and emphasized the difference between faith in God and faith in appearances, or faith in the visible and faith in the invisible. It was just what I needed. Among the important things said by him was the fact that a rainy night and a small congregation need be no back-set to a faith that took in the fact that the kingdom of grace and the kingdom of nature were both in God's hands, and that He could use "stormy winds to fulfill His word." That sermon was really the keynote to all his sermons, and it was for me a stinging rebuke that my faith was still a long way below par.

The results of that meeting, in my behalf, was a great spiritual uplift which has not yet passed away. The results upon the churches and people can never be estimated by finite minds. The visible results, in part, was an addition to the roll of members on the probation list in the Sixth Street Church of some sixty or seventy. The Congregational, the Baptist, and the Presbyterian Churches were said to have had a fair proportional increase of members.

Very few of our probationers failed to be received into full connection at the end of six months.

What about the burdensome debt that had for years been a heavy clog upon the feet of all progress? A noble trio of women had for years been depended upon to provide the arrearage, after plate collections and pew rent had been expended in meeting current expenses. Those women were Mrs. Sweetland, Mrs. Carley and Mrs. Heacock. One, and probably all three of these godly women have gone to their final reward.

The long and hard struggle which those women, and the whole church, with many of the citizens, had endured was growing distressingly monotonous.

I had been in pastoral charge of the church about seven months before I gave public attention to anything outside of the spiritual interests of the church or people. At the end of that time I called a meeting of all the officials of the church and all its friends for the consideration of the church's present and future usefulness. To my surprise, we had a large attendance. After referring briefly to our financial condition, and its unpleasant feature, I stated the fact that it seemed imperative that something should be done at once to relieve the church of some of her financial embarrassment. I referred to the fact that I had given my time and energies wholly to the spiritual interests of the church and people, and had found more than I could do satisfactorily. I then said that something must be done, but if I turned aside from the spiritual to the secular, it would be a violation of both Apostolic and Methodist policy in all cases except where **necessity** required it. At first the Apostles took in hand the secular interests of the Church, as well as the spiritual, but we are told that "when the number of the disciples was multiplied," they said to the Church: "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables." They then requested the selection of seven men, whom they might appoint over the secular business of the Church, while they "gave themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4.)

The Methodist Church, in order to be in accord with the Apostles, has provided by statutory law for two boards, called Stewards and Trustees, to make it possible for Pastors "to give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" in Apostolic style. The question to be decided at once was to say whether my time in the immediate future was to be devoted to the temporal interests of the Church, a calling for which I had neither inclination nor capacity, or as in the past to give myself to spiritual interests.

Having stated the case, I left those present to decide the question after due consideration. To my surprise, someone, without a word of discussion or suggestion, offered a motion that the Pastor should be allowed to continue, as in the past, to give his whole attention to the spiritual interests of the Church, and that others should take in hand measures for relieving the Church from her present financial embarrassment. I then said that remarks would be in order; but the question was called for, put and carried without one dissent.

I then called for a committee to take the business in hand, and Peter Bohl, John L. Huntoon and Mr. Tryon were appointed.

The Official Board gave their consent at that time for me to be absent from my charge for two weeks in order to assist the pastor of Virginia City in a protracted service which he was conducting, and had made a most earnest appeal for my help. I went, and on my return found that the committee which had been appointed to look after the financial interests of the church, had obtained good subscriptions and cash to reduce the claims upon the church for interest for more than one hundred dollars per month to not much over thirty. That amount was easily provided for, and the church had a fair field for future prosperity.

Nearly forty-three years have passed since the events just referred to transpired, and few of those who were permitted to have part in laying the foundations of the succeeding prosperous growth of the Sixth Street Church are left, where **planting** for eternity may be done. The two chief factors in the great temporal uplift which was given the church at the time referred to, still remain where treasures may be laid up in heaven. How many others remain I know not, but they must be few. That the two remain among us is a source of joy to many beyond the limits of Sacramento.

From my present viewpoint, and for forty years, my heartfelt thanks ascend to my ever-blessed Savior for sending me to Sixth Street Church against my will; and for sending Bro. A. B. Earl to my relief and unspeakable upbuilding in spiritual life, as well as having been an instrument for the saving of scores.

And now, after having far exceeded my intended limits, probably to the regret of many, these fragmentary reminiscences must end with sudden abruptness, so as not to further overtax patience, with the parting assurance to Pastor and people that Sixth Street Church has a place in my affections as deep as life, and I am sure will be as lasting as eternity.

J. W. ROSS.

Rev. J. H. Wythe, D. D., 1869-'70



Dr. Joseph Henry Wythe was appointed pastor of First Church in 1869. He was the principal transfer to the California Conference in 1863. He was a native of Manchester, England, born in 1822, and came with his parents to Philadelphia in 1832. He came from a family that was old and full of interest. It is said his ancestor, John Wythe, gave the largest subscription to Queen Elizabeth for national defence against the Spanish Armada. One of the family went to Virginia with Sir Walter Raleigh, and another was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

His religious life dates from 1835, when he was received into the Mariner's Bethel Church, which church had led him to Christ. His conversion was clear and with it came the desire to preach the Gospel of Christ. Dr. Wythe was a natural born scholar, his bent being to scientific and literary pursuits. Though not a graduate of any college, several institutions of learning were proud to honor him, with the degrees of M. D., D. D., LL. D. He was an author of repute. He has filled the offices of pastor, physician, army surgeon, author and lecturer.

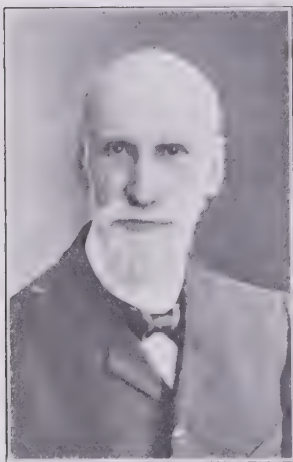
The following is taken from a letter by Dr. J. H. Wythe, Jr.:

In January, 1863, my father and family first arrived in Sacramento. The streets were still in a terrible condition as the result of the great flood. Father had been sent from the Army of the Potomac to be staff surgeon of General Wright, whose headquarters were in Sacramento. It may be of interest to state that we were chased by the "Alabama," which captured the steamer preceding us, the "Ariel." For several months father supplied the pulpit of the First Congregational Church in Sacramento, on the local satisfaction of the congregation. Overtures were made to him to enter the Congregational Church, as pastor, which he declined. At this time California was nearly swept out of the Union. The four men in civil life who probably did most to save it from that calamity were, Governor Leland Stanford, Rev. Thomas Starr King (of the Unitarian Church), Rev. M. C. Briggs and Rev. Jesse T. Peck. The last two were of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Indeed this reputation at Sacramento and rather intimate acquaintance with Dr. Peck, afterwards became, and also with Governor Stanford and other men who were leading figures in our Commonwealth. As soon as the danger of the secession of California from the Union had passed my father returned from the United States Army, and in September, 1861, was appointed pastor of the Powell Street M. E. Church (now First Church), at that time the leading Protestant church in San Francisco, which he served until called to the Presidency of the Williams University in Oregon. Returning to California, he was appointed pastor of the Sixth Street Church in Sacramento in 1867. On account of my mother's sickness, father

was compelled to leave Sacramento in September, 1870. During this pastorate life-long friendships were formed with the Bohls, Huntoons, Weltys, Phillips, Walters and others.

An item of interest. Sept. 11, 1869, Dr. M. F. Clayton was received by certificate; Bro. Bohl makes his first Trustee's report; Dec. 21, 1869, Bro. Bohl elected steward to take the place vacated by B. F. Pike.

Rev. Henry B. Heacock, D. D., 1870-'73



Among the names of the preachers transferred into the California Conference in 1868, is that of Henry B. Heacock, one of the honored pastors of First Church. He was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 16, 1838. His parents were Quakers by birth and education, but became Methodists before his birth. Being early taught the way of the Lord, he early turned toward God and the Church. He graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1861. He has filled with dignity and efficiency the positions of pastor, Presiding Elder, Secretary of the Conference, member of the General Conference, Financial Agent of the University of the Pacific, and was one of the original incorporators of the Pacific Grove Retreat.

The following are some snapshots from this busy pastorate:

February 25, 1871—Dr. C. S. Haswell was reported as recommended by the Stewards and Leaders for license to preach. The report was adopted and license ordered. The pastor reported: "The Mission School has been discontinued for reasons sufficient to justify so doing, namely, that all the scholars have either died or could attend other schools, and the draft for rent money and labor is in excess of the profits derived. Under these circumstances, could a room be secured and a Mission School established in the southern part of the city, good could be done. The Chinese School has enjoyed its usual prosperity. The Children's Saturday Class is still continued with profit."

June 12, 1871—The pastor reported: "The past has been a quarter of unusual events and deeply interesting ones. The regular services of the sanctuary have been interrupted by a series of at least apparently providential circumstances. Three were occupied by the Tabernacle meetings, one Sabbath by a Union meeting with D. L. Moody; another with Dr. Vincent, and one morning service for the dedication

of the Kingsley Chapel. The Chinese School continues with a good deal of interest, which is now giving promise of more permanent success." Bohl, Pike and Huntoon were appointed a committee to procure a place for holding the Annual Conference.

October 22, 1871—The Chinese School is in a more prosperous condition than for some time. The Superintendent, Bro. Kiefer, deserves, as he receives, your cordial sympathy, prayers and practical support.

November 13, 1871—Board recommended the organization of a young people's choir. Dr. Haswell moved that the choir be permitted to change its location to the rear of the church.

December 11, 1871—A committee from the Ladies' Aid Society was appointed to cushion the pews in the church.

Sample of Leaders and Stewards' meeting of that day:

Sacramento, January 22, 1872.

The Leaders and Stewards' meeting met, Bro. Heacock presiding. Present: Bros. Phillips, Walter, Bohl, J. C. Stubbs, Huntoon and Taylor. Then follows the amounts collected from the classes, amounts paid the pastor, new members recommended.

July 8, 1872—Littleton, Walter and Taylor appointed a Committee on District Campmeeting. August 5, 1872—Ordered that a tent be rented at the campmeeting, to be called Sixth Street Tent, at cost of \$6. September 16, 1872—The Conference year closed with obligations met, church out of debt, Pastor and Presiding Elder paid in full, and \$92.42 to commence the new year. September 30, 1872—Bros. Bohl, Huntoon, Leete and Walter, with the Pastor as chairman, appointed a committee to report on repairs necessary for the church. October 14, 1872—The report of the above committee received and adopted. Bros. Bohl, Welty, Kiefer and Huntoon a committee to get the money. March 17, 1873—On motion of Bro. Welty, a committee of Dr. H. B. Heacock, A. Henley, Peter Bohl, Welty and Gallatin be appointed to propose plans for the improvement of the church and to report to the Official Board. April 21, 1873, it was moved that a memorial service be held in the memory of Rev. Eleazer Thomas, D. D., who was killed April 11th by the Modoc Indians, while on a mission of peace to them. Sisters L. E. Taylor, E. S. Cummings and M. Stubbs appointed a Committee on Decorations. April 28, 1873—The Building Committee was instructed to procure an architect for the purpose of providing plans for the improvements of the church. May 23d—The pastor reported subscriptions for improvements, \$6,000. The committee was instructed to proceed with the improvements. August 19, 1873—Bros. Henley, Bohl, Taylor and Huntoon a committee to meet Bishop Jesse T. Peek at depot.

It was during H. B. Heacock's pastorate that the church was furnished, raised to a higher grade, and had the present beautiful spire crown it all. Its original cost was about \$25,000, and its completion cost \$6,000 additional. It was during this pastorate that a debt of \$3,250, the last end of the original expense of building, was raised by the pastor in a six weeks' campaign.

Reminiscences by Dr. Heacock

I came to California in 1868. A two years' pastorate in Grace Church (formerly Mission Street), San Francisco, was followed by the Conference in Stockton, September, 1870. Near the close of that session it was mentioned to me (in those days preachers were consulted very little about their appointments) that I was slated for Sixth Street, Sacramento. I was greatly stirred by the bare possibility when I learned the history of the church: The men of renown, pulpit ability and large experience who had served it. A young man, of limited experience as I was, shrank from the possibility of being sent there. In my private devotions the next morning the Scripture lesson contained these words, "Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence, and let Thine eyes behold the things that are equal." This greatly encouraged me and I said this is what I most sincerely desire. A few months before this the Lord had brought me to an entire consecration in His service and granted me an anointing of the Holy Spirit and opening of the Holy Scriptures that quickened my whole being, and the influence of which abides to this day.

I was cordially received by the noble band of Christians composing the membership and loyally sustained during my three years' pastorate, which was the legal limit. A gracious revival quickened the church and added a goodly number to the membership, several of whom have entered the haven of rest. David Deal was Presiding Elder when I was appointed. His time having expired, John B. Hill was his successor. My remembrance of these godly men is precious.

An unfinished and flood-marked church building and a heavy debt, which had defied efforts for its removal, and the need of a parsonage, presented problems difficult of solution.

The National Holiness Association, led by the intrepid J. D. Inskeep, were invited to come to the Coast and hold a series of meetings, the responsibility of providing \$2,000 for their expenses being assumed by Bro. Hill and his co-workers. The Plaza was granted for our use and a series of remarkable meetings was held, the blessed fruits of which greatly enriched the church and added a great number of useful members to this church. On the last Sunday of the meeting I was assigned the duty of raising the \$800, which we felt was our honest share, and it was done.

A few months after this, in praying about the payment of the church debt, the suggestion came to me that if I could get three men to join in the payment of one thousand dollars, the remainder could be immediately secured. A few days after this Bro. Bohl came to me one Sunday evening in the church and said without my saying a word to him on the subject—nor had I mentioned my thoughts to anyone—that he was willing to be one of three to join in paying \$1,000 of the debt. He suggested the names of J. L. Huntoon and G. W. Leet, a convert in the Plaza meeting (the same persons who had been impressed on my mind, but I did not mention them to him), as those who might join in the



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work. I saw Bro. Leet the next day and he saw Bro. Huntoon, each of whom agreed to join on conditions that the whole debt should be paid. Within two months from that time the last dollar was paid and the people were happy.

Before I closed my time of service we had raised the church, graded Sixth street from K to L, completed the tower, repaired and finished the whole building at an expense of \$16,000. My time expired a few months before the reopening, but I had the responsibility with the Building Committee until December following, when the reopening services were conducted by Dr. F. F. Jewell and the writer. Nearly \$11,000 had been subscribed and nearly all paid, leaving an indebtedness of \$5,000.

Memories crowd upon me and plead for notice, but I must brush them aside, that other pastors may have space. Of my 41 years of ministry in California, none stand out in bolder relief or awaken tenderer memories, that dear Sixth Street, Sacramento. Many have joined the redeemed hosts on the other side of the river, among them the two children given us while serving in your midst. The majority of those faithful and useful followers of the Master have gone to their reward. I would like to mention some of them and recall the names of others still working, but I dare not lest I might omit some more obscure but none the less dear to the Master.

I pray that the glory of the later years of this progressive and active church may far exceed that of the former; that its converts may multiply yearly; that the Missionary Boards may be enriched by its generous gifts; that its sons and daughters may add to the student body of your University of the Pacific, and that thousands of dollars may find their way into its treasury to aid its varied departments and increase its endowments.

Rev. A. M. Hough, D. D., 1873-'75



Rev. A. M. Hough had been a missionary in Montana before coming to California in 1869. He was appointed to First Church, Sacramento, 1873. When the Conference was divided he was in the Southern part of the State, and so his lot was cast in that Conference. He was a man of good education, and splendidly equipped for the ministry. He took great interest in providing for the Conference Claimants, a work for which he deserves much praise.

December 7, 1873—The time set for the dedication or reopening of the church was Sunday, December 21, 1873. December 15, 1873—Decided to join in Union meeting with Kingsley Chapel under Mrs. Van Cott. April, 1874—The report of Building Committee read and committee discharged with thanks. May 17, 1875—The Committee endorsed the District Campmeeting proposition.

Mrs. A. M. Hough writes: "Our recollections of life in connection with the Sixth Street Church, Sacramento, have always been pleasant.

We left there when the Conference was divided. I have an article my husband wrote for the California Christian Advocate at the time the church was reopened, after extensive repairs the year we went there, which I thought might be of interest to you."

Last Sunday was a high day with the Methodists here. The Sixth Street M. E. Church was one of the first, I believe the first church founded in this city. It has passed many vicissitudes, but I believe Methodist Churches never die. In this instance, at least, though the fire has consumed and the waters overflowed it, it exhibits today all the vigor and beauty of youth. The church edifice, in which this society has been worshipping for years, stands on Sixth



VIEW OF INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH FROM THE PULPIT

street, between K and L. It was designed for a very fine church, but when the solid brick walls were up and the building enclosed, the funds failed and it was left incomplected, and it has remained in this condition all these years. But last June the work of reconstruction commenced, and now all is new but the bare walls. The basement is entirely above the ground, and is one of the most airy, convenient and beautiful Sunday School and lecture rooms on the Coast. The auditorium is a perfect gem. On the floor and in the galleries it will seat 800 persons. The exterior is Gothic in style, with an exceedingly graceful spire reaching 165 feet from the ground. The edifice is an ornament to the city and a credit to the Methodist Church. Only one of the "charter members" of this church yet remains in it, viz: Bro. A. Henley, a noble specimen of early California Methodism.

With their beautiful church, and a large, wealthy and generous-hearted membership, Sixth Street charge is one of the most desirable in the Confer-

ence. But I forbear further praise, as the present pastor of this church is on his first year, and some brother, who is to move at the next Conference, might be tempted to cast his longing eyes this way. "Thou shalt not covet."

The presence of two of the most celebrated ministers from your great metropolis, viz, Revs. F. F. Jewell and J. W. Ross, brought together such a congregation that it was necessary to fill the aisles with chairs to accommodate them. Dr. Jewell's discourse in the morning ranks with the higher order of sermons. The thought was bold and grand, and its development and presentation was both dignified and entertaining, which, I am aware, is saying much in praise of a sermon, especially in these times. Rev. H. B. Heacock, former pastor, preached, in his usual happy style, in the evening. The collection amounted to about \$2,700, which added to the subscriptions already raised amounts to between \$10,000 and \$11,000.

Sacramento, December 27th.

Mrs. Van Cott's Meetings.

This remarkable woman, Mrs. Van Cott, commenced meetings in Kingsley Chapel on Monday afternoon, and Tuesday evening the throng of people attracted by curiosity to hear a woman preacher, or drawn by the Spirit of God, filled the house to overflowing, and it was thought advisable to move the meetings to Sixth Street M. E. Church for the remainder of the week. But it was soon found that this, the largest audience room in the city, was also too strait for the accommodation of the people; it was packed until there was no more room in the house—no, not even about the door—and many had to go away disappointed. The meetings have been wonderfully successful; the altars have been crowded every night, and a very large number, considering the length of time, have been converted. It is impossible to tell how many. All very deeply regret that Sister Van Cott cannot remain a few weeks longer. The meetings will still be continued.

Sacramento, January 24th.

Bishop Peck's Visit.

Bishop Peck's visit was most opportune, though he dropped down upon us unexpectedly one week sooner than advertised. We were just gathering in the fruits of the revival, scores of young Christians were ready and anxious to learn all they could about the new life they had just experienced, and the duties involved. The Bishop took in the situation at a glance and intuitively adapted his discourses to the existing condition of things, feeding those babes with the sincere milk of the Word. He preached Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and on Friday evening addressed the annual meeting of the Sacramento Bible Society. It was a very able address, I wish it could be published. On Sunday he preached to large audiences at Kingsley Chapel in the morning, and Sixth Street in the evening. This Episcopal visit of Bishop Peck to a former charge was an occasion for the revival of many old associations, and will be long and pleasantly remembered by the people.

About two hundred have been gathered into the different churches as the fruit of our union meetings, and a few more will yet come in. It seems true in grace, as in nature, that the diligent hand maketh rich. The churches which invested most, in faith and labor, reaped most largely in additions to their membership, while those that sowed sparingly reaped also sparingly.

It has been a very healthy revival of religion, and has left the churches in good condition. Our union was uncommonly free from jars or friction in any form. Our love was not in word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Sacramento, April 15, 1875.

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(For the interval 1875-78, see page 26.)

Rev. Robert Bentley, D. D., 1878-'81

Dr. Bentley was born in Cambridge, England, May 6, 1838. Though baptized and reared in the Church of England, it was at the age of seventeen years, after coming to America, that he experienced for the first time the certainty of the Divine favor in the forgiveness of his sins. He was a graduate from the Northwestern University and also the Garrett Biblical Institute. He joined the Rock River Conference in 1862. He was transferred to the California Conference in 1868. In 1874 he was transferred to the Taylor Street Church, Portland, Oregon, and two years later returned to this Conference.

Dr. Bentley has served some of our largest churches with unusual ability. He served two of our largest districts as Presiding Elder. Dr. C. V. Anthony says: "He has been specially active in benevolent work. Our large and flourishing orphanages owe more to his enterprise and administrative skill than to any other man's. He, with some others, originated the Home for the Feeble-minded, which soon after was adopted by the State, and is now doing a most beneficent work. In all these Christian duties his wife has been a willing and very efficient helper." Then Dr. Anthony wrote: "With a robust constitution, the very picture of health, he gives promise of many years of future labor in his Master's vineyard." And then pathetically adds: "He died suddenly a few months after these words were penned." It is generally believed that the severe strain of the duties of the Presiding Eldership broke his health.

Dr. Bentley is of precious memory in First Church. Several items of interest are here mentioned: May 5, 1879—Philip Uren was elected Steward to fill the vacancy of Bro. Hillhouse. September 10, 1879—Johnson, Jordon and Northrup made Stewards. Mrs. Bohl, Mrs. Hoyte and Mrs. Dillman, Parsonage Committee. June 28, 1880—Mrs. Julia Barrett a Steward. Character of Bro. John Uren, Local Preacher, passed and license renewed. A committee appointed to get Bishop Simpson to preach for church before leaving the Coast.

Rev. T. S. Dunn, D. D., 1881-'84



Here is a three years' pastorate full of unremitting toil, attractive and inspiring preaching. Says C. V. Anthony, D. D., in his "Fifty Years of Methodism": "Rarely has the Conference been so fortunate in an acquisition to its working force as when Thomas Skillman Dunn was transferred to us from the Cincinnati Conference. This honored pastor of First Church was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University. He was noted as a preacher, 'witty, humorous at times, always sprightly, original, and when at his best a most effective preacher.' Like many another faithful pastor from the East, where gracious revivals followed their ministry, he

deeply regretted that the conditions in California were such as to prevent similar results of his hard toil. His ministry was a fruitful one, and as a reformer it is said he stood in the front rank. He has a worthy son in Chauncey H. Dunn, one of the pillars of the old church his honored father served, who also stands in the front rank of those who lead in reform. The slavery and temperance evils he attacked mercilessly, regardless of cost to himself.

He was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, November 11, 1831, and was converted when a boy. He never questioned his call of God to preach the Gospel. In 1853 he married Miss Freeloove M. Conklin, who still survives him, and the year following he joined the Cincinnati Conference. He joined the California Conference, 1860, which was held at Santa Clara, and preached before the Conference on Sunday night. He preached from the text, "Grow in Grace," and it is said captured his audience, and won the appointment to San Jose, an appointment which he served three times, as long as the time limit would permit.

The following strange experience occurred during his third pastorate: One Sabbath morning, though not feeling well, he insisted on going to church and preaching. He rode there, conducted the services, except the opening prayer, which was offered by Dr. Martin, preached with more than usual unction and intellectual clearness, but no remembrance of that service could be recalled by him until the day of his death. It is said he could not even remember going to church. He became conscious as he returned to his home, while passing through the grounds of the State Normal School, and wondered where he had been, and what he had been doing. A terrible sickness followed, and he was for a long time at death's door. Although he rallied, he never was again able to take up his lifework so dear to his heart. It was less than two years from that date that he went to his crown.

Some snapshots: January 24, 1881—Presiding Elder appoints a committee to request Bishop E. O. Haven to pay our church an official visit soon as convenient, with a view of inaugurating a method of cancelling our church debt. December 25, 1882—J. W. Reeves was made a Steward. December, 1882—The Pastor reports: "Through the effort of Bro. Bohl and the liberality of many within and without the church, a debt of \$2,900 has been paid, the money having been subscribed and collected during the Quarter, besides about \$800 toward needed repairs, leaving us free of all financial embarrassment.

March 12, 1883—C. H. Dunn elected usher. August 3, 1883—The members of the church who habitually neglect the means of grace be notified to appear and show cause. Then follows a list.

May 5, 1884—John B. Gough requested to lecture Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the proposition being \$500, and 60 per cent. Bohl and Maydwell Committee on Printing, and Advertising Board to act as Committee for selling tickets. "Lights and Shadows of London Life," and "Peculiar People." May 19, 1884—Bros. Hillhouse and Reeves act as ticket sellers. Bros. Uren and Barber to take tickets at door. Bros. Bohl, Dunn, Lenoir, Smooker and McConnell as ushers for Gough lecture. Bro. Dunn as Reception Committee. That ever-present church comforter, "deficiency," is mentioned frequently: "On motion, we make the attempt to collect the deficiency on the 17th inst."

The best legacy left this church by this lamented pastor is the honored son, Chauncey H. Dunn, who is one of the foremost workers and supporters of the church.

Rev. E. R. Dille, D. D., 1884-'87



"Dille" has become a pleasant by-word in all Methodist homes in California, and it is pleasant to record that one of the honored men who served as pastor of First Church is Dr. Dille. He was born in Middleport, Illinois, April 7, 1848. His conversion dates from 1864. When in his teens he was doing service as a soldier for his country, just what we would expect from one so saturated with true patriotism. He was educated in Frankfort Seminary, Indiana, and for a time taught in the same institution.

He was transferred to this Conference in 1873, from the Northwestern Indiana Conference. He was licensed to preach in 1870, his certificate to that effect bearing the signature of Bishop Joyce, then a Presiding Elder in Indiana. He was a deacon of the second class

when transferred to California. He was ordained elder in 1874. The University of the Pacific honored him with the degree of D. D. in 1886. As a preacher, Dr. Dille stands in the front rank. As a reformer, he is wise and fearless. As a pastor, his very name is precious for his genial spirit and his wise and kind words.

How is this? September 11, 1884—"It was moved, that as———had been notified to appear at this meeting and explain why she has not attended the means of grace, and having failed to appear, that her name be erased from the church record. Motion adopted. September 22, 1884—Bohl elected collector, Lenoir and McConnell alternates. October 21, 1884—On motion, the first Sunday evening of each month be devoted to music. December 10, 1884—"Discounted coin plugged with lead."

March 10, 1885—Communication with reference to holding revival services received from W. McDonald. Bro. Dille requested to answer. August 25, 1885—Josh Billings engaged to lecture and the ladies to take the proceeds. September 29, 1885—Moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Evangelical Association with reference to opening the church at Twenty-fourth and K streets. Bros. Huntoon, Walter, Lenoir, Dunn and Maydwell committee. November 10, 1885—Bro. Lenoir, on behalf of Music Committee, nominated Miss Nora Bessy as church organist.

April 26, 1886—Trustees a committee to ascertain cost of contemplated improvements in church. August 11, 1886—Bros. Ough, Bohl, Dille and Huntoon thanked for work on improvements. Vote of thanks given Bro. Leitch for donating an organ to the Sunday School.

MESSAGE FROM DR. DILLE.

There is no pastorate in all my ministry of which I have more pleasant and precious memories than I have of my three years (1884-7) spent in Sixth Street, Sacramento. Appointed there by Bishop Foss, I succeeded Thomas S. Dunn of precious memory, and found his influence and record such that Methodism and religion were quoted higher because of them.

On reaching Sacramento my wife and I were welcomed to the home of Bro. Bohl until the parsonage should be ready; and then began a friendship with that gracious and godly family that has grown stronger with the lapse of years.

Sixth Street Church was in those days as now in excellent spiritual condition, and many conversions crowned our labors together. Notably was this true during the special services held under the leadership respectively of Dr. Munhall and Dr. William McDonald, and during a series of meetings conducted by my colleague, Dr. Filben, and myself, assisted by Dr. M. C. Briggs and others.

Among the incidents of the pastorate that linger in my memory are the visits of Dr. (afterwards Bishop) Newman and Dr. (afterwards Bishop) Joyce.

When the church was reopened after extensive improvements in the summer of 1887, Dr. Joyce was on the Coast, and as he was an old friend of the pastor, he was secured to preach the reopening sermon. No one who heard

that sermon can ever forget it. It was the hottest day I ever saw in Sacramento; but the glowing periods, the impassioned fervor of the preacher, made his audience oblivious to all physical discomfort.

When Dr. Newman came to California to conduct the memorial service in honor of Leland Stanford, Jr., the son of Senator and Mrs. Stanford, he spent a month in Sacramento, lecturing and preaching and mingling socially with our people. Dr. Newman was then in the zenith of his splendid powers. Sixth Street welcomed him with its usual heartiness, and they were mutually charmed with each other.

I recall also a Sunday General O. O. Howard spent with us. He preached the Gospel from our pulpit with wonderful simplicity and power, and when at the conclusion of his address the altar was crowded with inquirers, that splendid Christian hero, that Sir Galahad, that knightly veteran, went down into the altar and knelt with one man and another and pointed them to Christ.

My mind reverts to those days, among the busiest and happiest of my life, when I wrought side by side with a people who for loyalty and devotion have no superiors and few equals. The church then as now was like a larger family, dwelling together in Christian harmony, and with a mind to work at the church's one business, the salvation of men. It were invidious to name any of my fellow-workers, there, when all were so faithful; many with whom we took sweet counsel and went to the house of God in company, have passed on to the fellowship and the rewards of heaven; those of us who survive thank God upon every remembrance of the dear old days in Sixth Street Church and pray that she may go forward, and that her future may be even more fruitful and illustrious than her past has been.

ELBERT R. DILLIE.

Rev. A. T. Needham, D. D., 1887-'91



Another of the most able of the preachers of the California Annual Conference who served First Church is Rev. Arnold Thomas Needham, D. D. He was born on the Island of Guernsey, August 14, 1838, of English-Norman parentage. He was brought by his parents to America when only a child, settling in Chicago. He was converted when about nine years of age, but for want of sufficient encouragement he didn't unite with the Church until about sixteen. He says he lost much by not being in the Church. He attended school at Evanston, graduating from the Theological Seminary. Failing in health, he returned to Chicago, where he was

employed in the Methodist Book Depository in that city at the breaking out of the war.

He enlisted in the 13th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Being a licensed exhorter, he often preached to the soldiers in the absence of the chaplain. He was in about fifteen battles, and was

taken prisoner in the storming of Vicksburg. He was made an army chaplain, which office he filled well.

Dr. Needham has ever been a most loyal and patriotic lover and defender of the flag and his country, and his Church has been ever dear to him, as a faithful Methodist pastor.

Some snapshots: December 12, 1887—Bro. Bohl authorized to purchase a house for parsonage.

January 9, 1888—Pastor authorized to rent room for a study, the rent not to exceed \$10 per month. July 9, 1888—Board of Trustees allowed Bro. Clouch use of basement one evening a week for one month for the meetings of the Temperance Society. September 17, 1888—Bro. Jacka made a class leader. September 26, 1888—Special meeting called by pastor at close of Prayer Meeting, to consider renting of house for pastor at Twelfth and O streets. Bro. Bohl appointed committee to secure house if possible, and expend \$50 to induce present occupant to remove.

January 12, 1889—On motion, a collection for the poor be taken at each Sacramental service. July 23, 1889—Special meeting of Official Board called by pastor to consider matter of purchasing a parsonage. Bros. Bohl, Huntoon, Uren, Dunn, Jordan, Anderson, Hutchinson, Lander, Cronkite, Maydwell present. A communication was read from M. A. Andrews, stating terms and conditions upon which he would furnish organ. On motion, the Board authorized the ladies to contract for the organ. The mover and seconder of the motion withdrew their motion, and a motion prevailed that the chair appoint a committee to ascertain cost of building for the organ—Huntoon, Bohl, Ough, said committee. August 12, 1889—Special Committee on building for pipe organ read, advising postponement until next year, stating estimate cost to be \$3,400. Report accepted. November 11, 1889—Officers of Epworth League confirmed: President, Maydwell; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Dunn; 2d Vice-President, Agnes Needham; 3d Vice-President, John Uren; 4th Vice-President, E. E. Avery; Secretary, Miss Williamson; Treasurer, Bro. Brand.

March 10, 1890—On motion, Bro. Uren was licensed as an exhorter. On motion, Bro. Hugo appointed assistant collector for the gallery. April 14, 1890—Bro. Driver appointed assistant usher for Bro. Dunn. April 28, 1890—Adjourned meeting of the Official Board to discuss matters in reference to the Mission at Twentieth and O streets. After a great amount of talk, it was decided to let the question of rent of house be as it is at present. June 9, 1890—On motion, the Committee on Mission School recommend that the money raised for the building fund of the Mission be used as they direct, with the consent of the ladies who collected the fund. On motion, the written consent of the parties interested in raising the fund be obtained by

the chairman of Mission School Committee, and report at next meeting of Board. July 3, 1890—Special meeting of Board. Bro. Gomer tendered his resignation as Superintendent of Sixth Street Mission Sunday School at Twentieth and O streets. Voted to discontinue said Mission School for present. Bros. Leitch and Gomer a committee to look after all property belonging to said Mission Sunday School, organ, library, and instructed to have same stored in safe and proper place.

Dr. Needham writes, among other interesting items, the following:

DR. NEEDHAM'S LETTER.

I was appointed September 1, 1887, by Bishop J. M. Walden to the Sixth Street Church, Sacramento. The church was then without a parsonage, and though I had a family of six children, we managed to live for a time in a small cottage of six rooms, that had been occupied by my predecessor, who had no children.

During my stay as pastor, a term of four years, the different evangelical churches combined in annual union revival services, resulting in many conversions, and great spiritual refreshing to the churches. I recall the delightful fellowship I had with the various pastors of the other churches, Drs. Herrick and Forest of the Baptist Churches, Dr. Bane of the M. E. Church South, Dr. Merrill of the Congregational, and especially with Dr. Wheeler of the Presbyterian Church. He had been an officer in the Confederate Army and I in the Union Army, and yet a delightful feeling of comradeship sprung up between us.

The first of our union revival services was under the leadership of Dr. E. Payson Hammond, the noted Children's Evangelist. These meetings were held in the large brick building on the northwest corner of Sixth and M streets. It was a precious season, and many young persons started out in the new life.

Then there were meetings under the leadership of such men as B. Fay Mills, Sam Jones, and Mr. Crittendon, all of which brought blessed results. I conducted a Children's Class most of the time of my stay, and these were attended with encouraging results. Some of the children of these classes are now among the active workers in the church today.

In the Sunday School room in the basement, I noticed a Sunday School banner with a superb oil painting on the front and on the back. I was impressed that it was a fine piece of art. I invited the Art Professor who was in charge of the School of Art at the Crocker Art Gallery to come and see the banner. He came and pronounced it one of the best productions of Nahl, the distinguished California Artist. He said Nahl at that time took more pains in working up the detail of his pictures than he did subsequently when he became famous. I also learned this story of the banner: The Superintendent of Sixth Street Sunday School was a special friend of Nahl, and out of friendship for him, the artist painted the banner. The picture of the little child leading the lion is a picture of Nahl's own daughter, and the little girl with black curls, where Christ is teaching the children, is the likeness of a child who since became the wife of a Sacramento business man. I obtained from the Official Board permission to have the banner taken apart, the pictures retouched by the artist at the Crocker Art Gallery, and each picture framed, and thus preserved.

May it be our joy to meet many redeemed ones whose first promptings to a holy life, grew out of the contemplation of the pictures made from the

Sunday School banner, and which hung on the walls of the old Sixth Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

After my pastorate at Sixth Street Church, I became Presiding Elder of Sacramento District, and for six years made my quarterly visits to the dear old church. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon the old church that now reaches its 60th anniversary.

ARNOLD T. NEEDHAM.

Rev. T. C. George, D. D., 1891-'93



Dr. George was born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1840. He was transferred from one of the Iowa Conferences in 1871. He attended the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1861, but left it to serve a term in the war as a Lieutenant of the 45th Regiment of Iowa Infantry. He graduated in 1867. For most of his active life he was a professor in our schools of learning. He taught not only in Iowa, but was Principal of our Napa Collegiate Institute, and Professor of Natural Science in the University of the Pacific. He resigned to become a pastor. He was successful as teacher, pastor and preacher. He was truly a Christian gentleman, a scholarly man, and an able

minister of the Gospel. His health broke while he was pastor of First Church and he was forced to give up his work, Dr. C. V. Anthony taking his place. He never recovered and soon went to his crown.

Snapshots; January 12, 1891—Endorse change from chairs to benches with movable backs for lecture room. March, 1891—Bro. Geo. Shepstone recommended for full connection; collection to be taken every evening at revival services conducted by Mrs. L. O. Robinson. June 8, 1891—Bro. Clouch, assistant leader of evening class. August 15, 1891—Bros. Hosking's and Uren's license to exhort renewed. "Deficiency" to be raised. October 22, 1891—Recommended the ladies accept the offer of an engagement from Philip Philips. Bro. Ough requested to present figures at next meeting showing cost of addition to church for pipe organ. Little organ was loaned to Chinese Mission School. October 26, 1891—Walter, Huntoon, Hosking, Jaeka, Uren, Konkrite, Bohl, Davis, Ough, Dunn, Jordan, Avery, called to discuss ways and means to plan erection of an addition to church. Bro. Ough submitted plans and drawings for the proposed addition to the building for an organ loft, estimated cost \$3,000 to \$3,500. On motion of Bro. Davis, it was carried that the plans submitted by Bro. Ough be accepted as the preliminary plans. On motion of Bro. Cronkite, it was ordered that the subscription list toward the church improvements be commenced.

February 1, 1892—On motion of Bro. Bohl, the pastor was instructed to confer with the "Young People's Union," and Epworth Leagues to get their amounts, and for course of lectures to raise means toward the church improvements. November 16, 1891—Bro. Huntoon moved the request of "Young People's Union" to meet in the church be granted on condition that they pay \$2.50 per evening for necessary expenses, and submit programs for each evening to pastor. Donation of chairs made to Chinese Mission. Pastor stated that Sister Klotz desired to establish a Mission School at Twenty-fourth and P streets. Bro. Uren moved a committee of three inquire into it and report next



INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH, AND THE ORGAN

Photo by Gehm

meeting. January 10, 1892—Uren reported on Mission School. Report received and committee discharged. Motion carried to proceed to get subscriptions for organ improvement.

It should be said at this point that the ardent and ever-willing Peter Bohl, in 1887, had bought and donated to the Trustees of the Church a lot 20 by 80 feet lying to the rear of the church, on which was to be erected the much needed addition, making a large Sunday School room below, an excellent choir room and pastor's study above, and room for an organ loft in which was to be placed a pipe organ of

superior quality. This work was not completed till 1892, under the pastorate of the consecrated Dr. George. For this gift the Official Board unanimously thanked Bro. Bohl.

Mrs. George writes: "The organ, so loved by my husband, is the material reminder of his short stay, and its harmonies express better than any words his beautiful, loving spirit."

Miss Amelia Bohl

March 2, 1892—Special meeting of Official Board at residence of Bro. Ough to inspect plans for addition to church for organ loft. Plans accepted and Building Committee of three appointed: Huntoon, Davis and Ough. Decided to purchase and put in place a Buher motor, while building is being put up. Moved and carried that Miss Amelia Bohl be invited and engaged to play the new organ as organist. (It is due Miss Amelia Bohl to here acknowledge the part she took in making our splendid pipe organ a possibility. None took more interest in raising the money than she. Several splendid entertainments which realized a neat sum for the organ is to her credit, and she has the honor of being the first church organist after the purchase of the pipe organ. That her valuable service rendered was appreciated, is evidenced by the resolutions of the Official Board.) Dr. Jewell invited to be present at opening service when pipe organ is in. July 2, 1892—Building Committee reported total costs of improvements, \$4,833.95; paid, \$3,225.00; unpaid, \$334.50, leaving \$1,274.45 yet to pay; \$800 of balance pledged and provided for in Board. October 17, 1892—Epworth League officers approved: President, W. W. Lewis; 1st Vice-President, Mary Kiefer; 2d Vice-President, Carrie George; 3d Vice-President, Anna Woods; 4th Vice-President, E. E. Avery; Secretary, Minnie Kiefer; Treasurer, H. B. Marsh; Organist, J. M. Uren; Choirister, W. H. Dunster. December 19, 1892—Bro. Bohl and Amelia thanked for two stops to organ. The following confirmed as officers of Boys' Brigade: Captain, C. W. Bentley; 1st Lieutenant, W. H. Renwick; 2d Lieutenant, F. F. Scott. Question of doing away with cushions in lecture room referred to Trustees.



Rev. C. V. Anthony, D. D., 1894



January 5, 1894, Rev. George was granted a vacation till he regained his health. March 9, 1894, at a special meeting in Bro. Dunn's office, letters were read from Dr. Needham, Bro. and Sister George, and Bishop Goodsell. Dr. George's health would not permit him to resume his work, and C. V. Anthony was suggested as supply. The Board voted unanimously for him. Dr. Anthony was appointed in April to fill out the year.

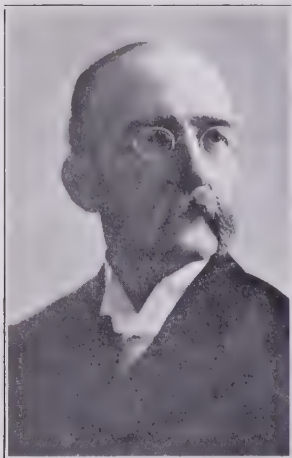
Dr. Anthony's name rises as sweet incense throughout the California Conference. He was born of a Quaker family, in Portage, New York, February 22, 1831. Through Bible reading and prayer, at age of 12 years

he entered into a happy Christian experience, but having no encouragement, he soon fell into his father's ways of thinking, which was then Universalism. He came to California in 1851, joined the Methodist Church in 1852, and was happily converted in the following November.

He taught school the winter of 1854-5, and in May joined the California Conference on trial. Dr. Anthony has been one of the great leaders of California Methodism all these years. He is the author of "Fifty Years of Methodism," "The Children's Covenant," and was a professor in Hiff School of Theology.

The short time that this prince among men served this church is guarded as a sacred memory by many who sat under his excellent pulpit ministry, and those who welcomed him to their homes. Alas, alas, how are these mighty towers of strength in our California Methodism falling! Will the coming generation provide those fit to take their place?

Rev. M. D. Buck, D. D., 1894-'97



Milton D. Buck is the son of Dr. D. D. Buck, a member of one of the New York Conferences. He was born in Lyone, Wayne County, New York, March 29, 1852. He graduated at Syracuse in 1875, and came to California soon after. He was a very methodical pastor, affable and tireless in his work. Mrs. Buck was a most indefatigable worker, especially with young people.

October 22, 1894—Committee on Music reported that some of the choir had struck because the leader was not a professional, and by motion, with the consent and calm reason of Bro. Elwood, Miss Dunster was given charge of the selection of the music.

Vote of thanks given Bro. Elwood for his past services in choir and other meetings and for his promise to continue these services. Dec. 16, 1894—Accepted invitation to unite with Dr. Anderson, of the M. E. Church South in meetings in January.

January 2, 1895—Pastor asked to engage Evangelist C. H. Yatman, in middle of February. April 21, 1895—Resolution on death of Rev. T. C. George passed. June 5, 1895—Committee to put up six framed cards in six hotels, advertising church. July 3, 1895—Rev. Miss Shaw invited to preach in near future; derelict members discussed. October 2, 1895—Unanimously extended a vote of thanks to Bro. Bohl for his services in securing the finances to close the year. October 22, 1895—Sister Van Cott invited to hold special meetings. Bro. Speer and Bro. James committee on ushers for the mee'ing.

January 1, 1896—Decided to change prayer meeting from Thursday to Wednesday, if other churches in city do the same. Trustees instructed to proceed at once to change the front entrance to the audience room of the church. The change was made. March 9, 1896—Bro. Anderson's request for use of church for Carradine meetings, from June 23d for five days, granted. John Anderson thanked for decorating vestibule, and Adolph Lichey for sidewalk. October 26, 1896—Bohl thanked unanimously for planning for lighting church by electricity and raising \$175 to pay for wiring church and putting in electric lights.

January 18, 1897—Miss Francis Healy requested to act as deaconess for the church, and pledge Home Missionary Society \$8 per month towards her salary.

Dr. Buck writes:

I regret that to be present at the anniversary celebration will be impracticable. I recall with pleasure the three years spent with Sixth Street Church, the good times with Sister Van Cott, the large Junior League like a second Sunday School on a week day, the faithful officers and members of the church, the fraternity of ministerial brethren, and the many friends whom we shall meet on the other side. May you have a blessed week, a time of joyful fellowship and of showers of blessings.

Yours fraternally,

M. D. B.

Rev. S. J. Carroll, D. D., 1897-'01



Dr. S. J. Carroll came to California from the Arkansas Conference. He became a member of the New England Southern Conference in 1871. He was a splendid preacher and a great worker. His pastorate of this church was indeed remarkable for the number of probationers (224) and full members (239) received.

Snapshots: January 31, 1897—Pastor reported Evangelist Munhall to hold special meetings if five other leading churches will unite. It was unanimous that he be secured. February 15, 1897—Bro. Willie James elected collector for Sunday evenings. March 28, 1897—Evangelist A. C. Bane unanimously invited to hold two weeks special meetings, commencing May 24th. The White Rose Circle and Richard Watkins thanked for the beautiful electric lantern that has been placed in front of the church. Decided that nothing be allowed to take the place of, or interfere with, the regular Sunday morning and evening collections. October 7, 1897—Decided not to hold Leaders and Stewards' meetings separately, but hold all as Official Board. Bro. Dunn made treasurer of the Stewards' fund. Bro. William James appointed committee to pass on what church notices handed in are proper to be given, and give such to the pastor. November 4, 1897—Official Board to hold a social. Pastor's plan to have eight socials for year adopted.

October 6, 1898—Pastor authorized to get 50 copies of Book of Psalms for church. Bro. Dunn appointed to give church notices. Nov. 10, 1898—Pastor authorized to present Oak Park Church for subscriptions for their indebtedness. December 8, 1898—Pastor reported he had secured J. H. Weber for evangelistic meetings in January.

February 16, 1899—Money voted to paint steeple. April 6, 1899—Bro. Bohl thanked for having Infant Class' Room and stairway tinted at his own expense. June 1, 1899—Collection baskets give way to silver plates. October 5, 1899—Board voted to have a jubilee week celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church.

February 11, 1901—Dr. Matthew and Rev. Chynoweth presented the matter of removal of Central Church, if this church purchase a lot farther east, say between Eleventh and Twentieth streets, and if so, whether this church would permit the Bishop to appeal to this church for funds to assist in making such changes. Dr. J. A. McKee moved that we recommend to Central Church to purchase a new lot in a more desirable locality and move there when they can. Dr. McKee further moved that the question of permitting the Bishop to take a collection in this church to aid Central Church be granted. District Conference invited to meet in this church. Decided Official Board meet first Tuesday of each month. June 4, 1901—Committee of three to report at next meeting of Board as to the advisability of establishing a Mission Sunday School in neighborhood of Twenty-third and K streets.

Rev. W. K. Beans, D. D., 1901-'03



We are not in possession of any facts touching the early life of Dr. Wesley K. Beans, who served this church for two years. Not having served many years in this Conference, we are not conversant with his ministry. But his pastorate of First Church, the only pastorate he served in this Conference, is well remembered by many. He was the gentleman and the preacher of ability. He writes the author from South Pasadena, where he was serving successfully a church: "My memories of Sixth Street are very pleasant. A united church, a royal people, hospitable, kind-hearted, responsive. Sunday School ideal under the skillful direction of Bro. Chauncey H. Dunn; Epworth League flourishing, splendid company of young people; the Ladies' Aid 'a mighty means of usefulness'; the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies right to the front, well officered and efficient; the choir a comfort and an inspiration, as good as the best, under the fine guidance of Lottie Shepstone James; benevolences running over always; bills all promptly paid—Bro. Peter Bohl had much to do with that; membership steadily increasing, congregations always inspiring; weddings numerous, a proof of love abounding. Blessed old Sixth Street! 'Immovably founded in grace, may she stand as she ever has stood,

And brightly her builder display
And flame with the glory of God.' "

WESLEY K. BEANS.

Rev. W. W. Case, D. D., 1903-'06



Rev. Westwood W. Case was a transfer from the Detroit Conference. He formerly belonged to the Erie Conference, which he had joined in 1861. He was a school teacher by profession, and was converted when 19 years of age. He was transferred to this Conference in 1887. Dr. C. V. Anthony says of him: "His work in this Conference has been of the first efficiency in every respect."

Snapshots: March 10, 1904—Special meeting of Official Board held at residence of Bro. Bohl, called on account of damage to church by wind storm, a brick pinnacle from the tower having fallen through the roof and through one gallery. Bros. Bohl, Bawden and Dunn a committee on repairs. Decided to arrange for services on Sunday. March 11, 1904—Special meeting. Decided to secure architect to prepare plans for repairing church. Decided that steeple be taken down. Dr. Case committee on art glass windows for church. April 5, 1904—Bro. Bohl reported for committee on repairs to steeple, that the architect and city authorities reported steeple perfectly safe and no occasion to take it down. Approved. June 7, 1904—Mrs. Kirk deaconess, employed for a month. September 23, 1904—Building Committee reported church improvements had cost \$5,810.76, and were completed and church ready for opening Sunday, September 25, 1904. December 5, 1904—Church services on Sunday morning changed to 10:45 a. m. September 10, 1905—Decided to secure deaconess services for six months.

Dr. Case certainly did a splendid work when he had the auditorium so beautifully decorated and the magnificent art glass windows put in. There is scarcely a more beautiful auditorium to be found in this part of the State.

Rev. J. H. N. Williams, D. D., 1906-'07



Rev. J. H. N. Williams was born in Nevada City, California, November 21, 1866. His parents took him when four years old with them to their native country, England. He was converted April 6, 1881, and licensed to preach on the St. Annes Circuit, Cornwall, July 6, 1885. He was accepted by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference as a candidate for the ministry in 1887, but returned to California and joined the California Conference in the class of 1888, of which the author was a member. He served faithfully for some years in the Nevada Mission, and his work in this Conference has been marked with success. He has served as Superin-

tendent of the Napa District and was for three years Secretary of the Conference. In 1904 he was elected as a delegate to the General Conference. He is an able and interesting preacher. His pastorate of only one year at First Church is pleasantly and profitably remembered. Dr. Williams is a student and a preacher and a writer of ability, and his pulpit ministrations while in this pastorate were always uplifting. November 6, 1906, he organized the men of the church into a Wesley Brotherhood, afterwards changed to Methodist Brotherhood.

The Present Pastorate

The present incumbent is a native of Pennsylvania, born in old Alexandria. He comes of Methodist stock away back. He was converted when past 17 years of age, soon licensed to exhort, and at 21 years of age, upon graduation from the Juniata College, was licensed to preach. His first experience in the ministry was in the coal mining regions of Pennsylvania, where he faced conditions that prepared him for his ministry in California. His post-graduate work was in the Boston University School of Theology, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1900. He joined the California Conference as a probationer in the class of 1888. All his ministry has been spent in California, except the three years (1897-1900) he spent at Boston University.

The present pastorate is marked for the spirit of unity, enthusiasm and aggressive work. Most all the departments of the work have been reorganized and have undertaken wider usefulness. The Epworth

League during the first year held a membership contest which added 90 new members to its roll. The contest was followed by a banquet long to be remembered, and the League planned for a larger usefulness. The Sunday School, which is a vital question with this church, has been reorganized under a modern constitution and has grown in membership and efficiency. The other lines of work have taken on new life.

During the first year, \$800 for street assessment and \$1,500 still due on church improvements, were raised by the Sunday morning congregation, C. H. Dunn in charge. The church was the happy recipient of a beautiful Individual Communion Set, the gift of Mrs. C. H. Dunn. The Official Board decided as a better financial system to do a banking business and pay all bills by check on the bank. The Board voted to have printed 5,000 invitation cards for distribution among strangers, inviting them to our church. It was the sense of the Board that numbers be substituted for names on the pews, and just as soon as practicable that the pew-rent system be abolished.

November 10, 1908, the Official Board, after the lower story was flooded by high water, ordered a concrete floor laid in the hall of the lecture room. Bro. T. E. Clark offered as a gift to the church concrete steps and an iron fence leading from the street to the lecture room, which was a great improvement, and a gift highly appreciated.

Another improvement has been the substituting for the old and inadequate light in front of the church, a beautiful electric sign, with 12-inch letters on both sides, at a cost of \$160. With this was the placing of a bulletin board at the corner of Sixth and K streets.

Through the efforts of that noble band of women who compose the Ladies' Aid Society, that which has been talked of and planned for ever since the disappearance of that first humble parsonage that housed Rev. Isaac Owen, Dr. M. C. Briggs, J. W. Ross and other pioneer pastors of this church, but always baffled accomplishment, has been accomplished, and today we have a magnificent piece of property located on 1011 P street, and within two blocks of the Capitol Park. The house is modern and contains seven rooms and bath, and large halls, and splendid basement with concrete floor. This property was secured through Bro. Bohl at a cost of \$6,500, he giving his commission. The whole proposition has been carried through by Bro. Bohl, he advancing the money. The Ladies' Aid Society, under the leadership of their intrepid President, Mrs. Ludwig Anderson, have been carrying this burden, but we expect it all to be lifted during the sixtieth anniversary.

Mrs. Helen R. Peck



Two items are of special importance: February 2, 1909, the Official Board, through the assurances of Mrs. C. H. Dunn of the support being well in hand, Mrs. Helen R. Peck, deaconess, was unanimously invited to become the deaconess of our church. Mrs. Peck is a graduate of "The National Training School," San Francisco, and she is one of the most capable deaconesses in the work. Another item: May 4, 1909, the Official Board authorized the pastor to appoint committees to prepare for the sixtieth anniversary, and endorsed the writing of a Souvenir History of the church for the occasion.

At the beginning of the present year, the Official Board decided to make some badly needed improvements and repairs on our excellent pipe organ, which has been in service for seventeen years. Several new stops were to be added.



SIX FORMER PROMINENT WORKERS

Dr. C. S. Haswell

Dr. M. F. Clayton
A. HenleyChas. Lenoir
Joseph Ough

Israel Luce

Church Officiary

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Edwin Holt Hughes, D. D., LL. D.
San Francisco

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Sacramento

Horace E. Beeks, D. D. 1307 P street

Pastor

Rev. Frank Kline Baker 1011 P street

Deaconess

Helen R. Peck 1016 N street

Class Leaders

Mrs. L. H. Glide, Mrs. J. F. Reisner and Mrs. G. S. Brand

Sunday School Superintendent U. L. Dike

President Epworth League J. C. Carpenter

President Ladies' Aid Society Mrs. L. Anderson

President Methodist Brotherhood W. D. Eastman

Superintendent Anti-Saloon League Rev. I. B. Bristol

Secretary

W. H. Dunster 1908 M street

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Chauncey H. Dunn 2219 M street

Financial Secretary

E. P. Huston 718 Twenty-third street

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Job Wood, Dr. H. A. Watts, W. R. Noble, Julian W. Johnson,

George L. Sackett, O. E. Bremner, J. C. Carpenter,

Josiah C. Jacka, S. C. Morris, William Kellam.



SOME MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

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Peter Bohl

No name has been so closely identified with First Church during the last forty-three years of its history as that of Peter Bohl. From the very beginning of his membership in the church, which reaches back to the sixties, he has been closely associated with the financial interests of the church. He has served as a Trustee for the last forty-two years. He has watched over his church as a mother her child and no small detail touching its welfare has escaped his notice. He withheld neither time, money nor strength in the service of his church.

**JOHN L. HUNTOON****PETER BOHL****WILLIAM WALTER**

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At the Conference of 1867, there was an increase of 1,200 communicants reported. This was largely through the labors of Rev. A. B. Earle, a spirit-filled evangelist, who awakened interest wherever he went.

Among that 1,200 was the name of Peter Bohl, he being one of the converts of this revival, and a man destined to take no small part in the work of the church in the following years. He has been one of the most useful and faithful and liberal laymen of the California Conference, and his influence has reached far beyond his own church.

Bro. Bohl was born of German parents in Cincinnati, October 23, 1830. He came to Sacramento in 1853, just after the terrible fire. He

often attended the Sixth Street M. E. Church, and when he didn't the Methodist preacher found him and his place of business. He often felt moved to a Christian life. Once, under the preaching of Dr. M. C. Briggs, he felt that he was a sinner and in need of a Savior. But his real conversion occurred under the labors of Mr. Earl, on the 26th of December, 1866. He immediately united with the Methodist Church, Rev. J. W. Ross being pastor, and here has lived ever since, the older he grew the dearer his church becoming to him.

It is well said it cost him something in the way of temporal prosperity to give up all for Christ, but he counted the cost, paid the price, and was blessed in the sacrifice. "He is universally respected," said his old friend, Rev. C. V. Anthony, "and by those who know him best, dearly loved." He has served his local church in most every office, and has served the Conference as Trustee of the University of the Pacific, also Trustee of the Superannuate's Fund. He was highly honored by being elected as a lay-delegate to the General Conference in 1876. He has represented his church in the Lay Association of the Conference ever since its beginning, he being a charter member of it.

One has but to read the history of this church for the last forty-three years to know of the usefulness and liberality of the man of this sketch. Whatever might be said of the omissions of this brother, no one can ever accuse him of omitting any duties or failing in any loyalty to his church.

One of the finest and wisest and far-reaching business enterprises he ever undertook for his church, is the excellent residence, 1011 P street, well built and splendidly equipped, and conveniently located within two blocks of the Capitol Park and eight blocks of the church, which he bought as a parsonage for the church, he advancing the money.

John L. Huntton

John L. Huntton was born in Croton, Vermont, in 1822. He was the son of an honest farmer, and until 19 years of age worked hard upon the farm, getting his schooling during the winter months. We find him driving a baker's wagon at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1843. Later he was a commercial traveler for H. S. Doane & Co. of Boston, and still later for Curtis & Perkins, agents for Mrs. Winslow's popular Soothing Syrup. At one time he sold confectionary and cigars. He came to California in 1855, via Isthmus of Panama, on the steamer "George Law." Though he dealt in sheep for a while and was also a furniture dealer, for the most part of his life he has been a hotel keeper and administrator. He served his county for two terms in the responsible position as Treasurer, and is now a Director of the People's Bank.

He is a man well known and highly esteemed in business circles, as well as in religious and church work. His Christian life dates from the Earl meetings, when Bro. Bohl and he were converted. He identified himself with the First Church the same time of Bro. Bohl, and their lives for these forty-three years have been closely associated with the church. Our brother has served in an official capacity all these years. He is one of the mainstays of the church in the most hearty support in every way, regular in attendance, devout in spirit, and liberal with his money.

Our brother, together with William Walter and Peter Bohl, have been for forty-three years out of the sixty years of the history of this church, the most devoted supporters of the church, and all three constantly remind the younger men of the church, not only what the church can be to them, but what they can be to it.

William Walter

William Walter was born November 3, 1819, near Frankfort on the Rhine, Germany. He came with his father and brothers to America in 1838, to Baltimore, Maryland. He came to California in 1855, and located in Sacramento, where he has resided ever since.

He was born of good, sturdy, pious parents, who belonged to the German Reform Church in his native land. When his father came to this country he deposited their letters with the same church, but it was all form with William. He entered into a conscious religious experience under the ministry of Rev. Deal, pastor of the H Street Church, this city, and united with the same by probation during his pastorate:

Bro. Walter has never been a mere camp-follower in the church. He has always paid and worked his own way. He seemed particularly adapted to class leading and did that work in the H Street Church, and for more than forty years in the First Church, with which he has been connected since Rev. J. W. Ross' second pastorate, when H Street or Kingsley Chapel, now the Central Church, was made a part of the First Church. Bro. Walter always took great interest in his work as class leader and was diligent and earnest in his care for the members.

Though our brother has reached his ninetieth mile-stone, yet no one has been more regular in attendance upon the prayer meetings, the Sunday services and the Official Board meetings. He is an example of Christian manhood, of church devotion, and of a wise workman of his Master. A potter by trade, he is as clay in the hands of the Great Potter, and rejoices to be known as a Christian and a Methodist.

Chauncey H. Dunn



Next to the triumvirate of Bohl, Huntoon and Walters, the inseparable three who have prayed, thought, worked and given together for the last forty-three years in this church, stands the name of Chauncey H. Dunn, who for the last twenty-seven years has been one of the mainstays of this great church. This history would not be complete without special mention of a man who stands in the fore rank of the legal profession of this city, with a character above reproach, and ability of the highest, among the best representatives of the Sacramento bar. Born in Laurel, Ohio, September 25, 1856, he is the honored son of the lamented, elo-

quent Rev. Thomas S. Dunn, a former pastor of this Church, and Mrs. F. M. Dunn, still living. Bro. Dunn came with his parents to California, via Panama, in 1860. He is a graduate of the University of the Pacific and finished a course in the Hastings Law School. He came to Sacramento in 1882, was soon admitted to the bar, and has practiced law here with an unimpeachable record ever since.

His membership in this church dates from 1882, and what he has been and still is to First Church, is hard to figure. Always an ardent temperance advocate and loyal citizen, he has stood as an exponent of clean and progressive government and civic improvement. He was too straight a man ever to be elected to any political office, the push and saloon element fearing such a fearless citizen. During his twenty-seven years' connection with this church, he has served in every official capacity with the greatest efficiency, and with the increase of his prosperity has come more liberal support of his church and the cause of righteousness. He has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for nearly twenty years, with some intermissions. He has been a Director of the Y. M. C. A. during all these years, and for a long time the honored President of that institution, and one of its most liberal supporters.

Church Calendar

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 A. M.
Morning Preaching Service.....	11:00 A. M.
Class Meeting in Lecture Room.....	12:15 P. M.
Epworth League	6:15 P. M.
Evening Service	7:30 P. M.

Monday

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting and Normal Class.....	7:30 P. M.
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Tuesday

Official Board, first Tuesday following last Sunday of month	7:45 P. M.
Epworth League Business Meeting, 2nd Tuesday each month	7:45 P. M.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Service	7:45 P. M.
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Thursday

Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday each month.....	2:30 P. M.
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, third Thursday.....	2:30 P. M.
Woman's Home Missionary Society, fourth Thursday.....	2:30 P. M.

Friday

Junior League, each Friday.....	3:30 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal	7:45 P. M.

Saturday

Sewing School	2:30 P. M.
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The Methodist Brotherhood meets at call of President.



T. E. CLARK
Member of Official Board



REV. I. B. BRISTOL
Superintendent Anti-Saloon League



MRS. ABBIE HORNE
Member of Church Twenty-five Years



SOME OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, EPWORTH
LEAGUE AND MISSION SOCIETIES

Mrs. N. D. Hulse	Mrs. M. V. Dunn	Mrs. F. K. Baker	Mrs. Emma Dyas
	Mrs. L. H. Green		
Mrs. W. R. Campbell	Mrs. D. B. Clark	Mrs. M. E. Dickinson	Mrs. Augusta Carpenter
Mr. W. E. Bristol	Mrs. Julian W. Johnson	Mrs. J. F. Reisner	Miss Mary Kieler
	Mrs. H. A. Watts		
Mrs. M. A. Kleinsorge	Miss Bessie M. Baker	Mrs. W. R. Noble	Mrs. Geo. L. Sackett
Mrs. W. H. Scoble	Mr. Eugene Sawtelle, Jr.	Miss Clara Powell	Mrs. Mattie Howard

Sunday School

The Sunday School was organized March 29, 1850. The records back of 1870 do not seem to have been kept, or else have been lost. We find the Infant Class of 1869 to consist of the following names: Ellen Grimes, Fanny Luce, Hood Flint, H. Johnson, F. Lower, Eddie Taylor, W. Morris, Jennie Wise, Eddie Sims, Charles Ekridge, Willie Yoler, Mary Kiefer, Mercy Flint, Robert Platt, William Platt, Elisha Platt, F. Van Heusen, Lizzie Petrie, Katie Petrie, Carrie Dray, Alfred Cleeler, Mariha Platt, Louise Nelson, Lincoln Boyd, Mary J. Ellis, Geo. E. McClure, Lizzie Todd, C. C. Hall, Lavina Hinman, Walt Magraw, Fannie Kirk, Daniel Cowstork, Wm. R. Ellis, Sarah J. Ellis, Harry Smith, Bennett Lawson, Jessie Rogers, Mary Stocklaw, F. Flint, Frank Gray. Added names in 1870: Wm. Henley, John Luce, Willie Huntoon, Wm. Griffin, Chas. Haswell, Frank Lenoir, Wm. Luce, Wm. Wood, Eddie Van Heusen, Frank Taylor, Frank Kiefer, Frank Willy.

Some idea as to the attendance of the school: March 5, 1870, attendance 139; August 28, 1870, attendance 70; January, 1872, attendance 217; April 28, 1872, attendance 227; June 2, 1872, total on roll 282, attendance 186; July 21, 1872, total on roll 293, attendance 151; September 8, 1872, total on roll 296, attendance 181; attendance on February 16, 1873, was 238; February 8, 1874, attendance was 256; February 12, 1876, attendance 232, and on April 25, 1880, it was 187.

Some glances at the minutes: September 5, 1872, the Sunday School Missionary Society met after prayer meeting, President O. H. Wing in the chair. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. Upon second ballot, Dr. C. S. Haswell was elected President for one year; L. S. Taylor was elected Vice-President, and O. H. Wing, Secretary. January 21, 1872, the roll of officers were as follows: Dr. Heacock, Pastor; C. S. Haswell, Superintendent; J. H. Skelton, Treasurer; H. P. Cottingham, Secretary; Geo. W. Marsh, Librarian; Israel Luce, Musical Director; J. C. Stubbs, Organist; L. S. Taylor, Assistant Secretary. The teachers were: A. Henley, O. H. Wing, F. T. Phillips, J. L. Messersmith, A. H. Cummings, Mrs. S. E. Clayton, Mrs. S. A. Wassal, Mrs. S. McVicker, Mrs. D. M. Thorp, Mrs. Isaac Hall, Frank B. Anderson, Miss Ella Haskell, John C. Stubbs, J. H. Freeland, J. P. Thompson, Mrs. C. P. Huntoon, Emma Rice.

In 1872, Miss Amelia Bohl was made organist, and Dr. M. F. Clayton, J. L. Huntoon and Mrs. A. C. Curtis were made teachers. In April, 1872, the Band of Hope was announced to meet after Sunday School at Odd Fellows' Temple. May 19, 1872, the Secretary, J. N. Young, writes: "You will observe the attendance is less since the

picnic. Question: Was the attendance full in anticipation of the picnic, or has the picnic had a depressing effect?"

Annual meeting, March 30, 1873, Dr. C. S. Haswell and J. C. Stubbs nominated for Superintendent. Stubbs said for various reasons he could not accept. Haswell was unanimously elected. Assistant Superintendent, D. W. Welty; Secretary, J. N. Young; Treasurer, J. L. Huntoon; Muscial Director, Israel Luce; Organist, Miss A. Bohl; Librarian, O. H. Wing; Assistant Librarian, Geo. W. Marsh. A Normal Class was organized.

April 17, 1873, the Committee on May Day picnic reported excursion by steamer is impossible. Why? Flat cars to Leet's Grove would cost \$30 each, baggage \$25, and \$40 for the engine. To Folsom, cars would cost \$25 each, baggage and engine free. Motion that we celebrate at Folsom or vicinity. Picnic to be on 29th or 30th of April, if grounds could be gotten. Dr. Clayton said grounds at Folsom would cost \$10. Kingsley Chapel School invited to join in picnic.

May 13, 1874, the school to meet June 21, 1874, at 12:15 o'clock. January 14th, Sister Van Cott held Children's Meeting. July 26, 1874, L. S. Taylor, T. P. Taylor and J. L. Huntoon appointed a committee to secure library. April 11, 1875, ordered that each teacher have a small bag for singing books of her class, and she shall be responsible for the books of her class. May 4, 1875, Bro. Gallatin as Superintendent, offered prizes at end of school year for class showing best attendance, proficiency, deportment, as per class book. First, \$10; second, \$5. To the scholar who brings in most new scholars, \$6; second, \$4. The Secretary to keep account and report at close of each month. A committee of Missionary teachers was appointed. The following were appointed delegates to State Sunday School Convention: Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Gallatin, Mrs. Luce, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Jordan.

August 24, 1875, Bro. Gallatin tendered his resignation, owing to business engagements preventing him from doing his duty to the school. He presented the school with check for \$100 to pay prizes offered the school.

March 26, 1876, Bro. L. B. Hinman was Superintendent. March 28, 1878, C. A. Maydwell was Superintendent. Bro. Lenoir was Chorister. On motion of Bro. Burlingame, a new system of collections will be inaugurated, namely, a box with compartments numbered for each class, and the box will be passed around each Sabbath for the collections. April 14, 1878, Israel Luce thanked for faithful service in song, as he would be absent from the city for some time. High appreciation for his faithful service in leading in song expressed. Burlingame thanked for the ingenious box prepared by him for the use of the Sunday School collections. April 15, 1880, Lengthy discussion of the

best way to take the collection. No final conclusion. Matter laid over till next meeting. Irwin Bentley made Assistant Librarian. July 21, 1880, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bentley, Bro. Jordan and Bro. Marsh a committee to select library books. March 29, 1882, Pianist, Mamie Barrett. Offer of John Wannamaker donating 100 packages of flower seeds accepted and ordered.

October 17, 1884, Dr. Dille in the chair. Mr. Lenoir, Superintendent, said the school was smaller than he had ever known it since 1850, and that he believed it was due in a great extent to unfaithfulness on the part of the teachers, who invariably do not take the interest they should. Board decided that Article 8 of the Constitution be amended that absence of a teacher three consecutive Sundays without satisfactory excuse, constituted a severance of the connection with the school. June 25, 1897, the pastor suggested a Home Department in the Sunday School. Miss Healy was appointed Superintendent. August 29, 1897, the Librarian having gone to the Klondike, J. O. Prewett was elected. A birthday box was ordered for Missions. Report of Committee on Fiftieth Anniversary received and adopted, and committee continued to carry out plans.

The following persons have served as Superintendents of the School: 1850-55, E. B. Barber; 1856, H. C. Rudolph; 1856-57, G. H. Bell; 1857-63, Jacob Welty; 1864, Charles Lenoir; 1865, B. F. Pike; 1866-70, Dr. C. S. Haswell; 1870, F. T. Phillips and J. Freeland; 1872, Dr. C. S. Haswell and D. W. Welty; 1874, L. S. Taylor; 1875, A. Gallatin and J. N. Young; 1876, L. B. Hinman; 1878, C. A. Maydwell; 1884, Charles Lenoir; 1885, C. H. Dunn; W. W. Lewis was Superintendent for a while; 1896, G. S. Speer; 1897, B. H. Marsh; 1898, C. H. Dunn; 1908, U. L. Dike.

During the present superintendency, the school has been reorganized under a new constitution, and more modern methods are being worked to increase both interest and efficiency of the school, which is prosperous. Being a downtown church and continually becoming more such, the Sunday School question becomes a more serious one, but, with willing and wise and consecrated workers, great possibilities are before us.

Since the coming of the deaconess, a large Home Department reaching about 150 members, and a Cradle Roll of 35 members, have been organized, and are well worked. We have also a splendid Sewing School, which promises well as an adjunct to the school. We have also a large Normal Class for growing teachers.

Present Officers

Superintendent.....	U. L. Dike
Assistant Superintendent.....	B. H. Marsh
Secretary.....	Mrs. W. H. Scoble
Treasurer and Librarian.....	W. H. Scoble
Auditor and Enrolling Secretary.....	J. C. Carpenter
Superintendent Primary Department.....	Mrs. J. F. Reisner
Superintendent Home Department.....	Mrs. J. W. Johnson
Superintendent Cradle Roll.....	Miss Alma Johnson
Historian.....	Miss Mary Kiefer
Pianist.....	Miss Muriel Uren
Chorister.....	J. F. Reisner

Epworth League

In all probability the first attempt at a young people's movement was in 1869, when there was formed what was termed "The Social." We find records to this effect: "May 17, 1869, the Social of the Sixth Street M. E. Church met at the residence of Mr. Luce, at the very fashionable hour of 8¾ p. m. After some discussion, Dr. Haswell was elected President, Mrs. J. L. Huntoon, Vice-President; Mrs. I. Luce, Second Vice-President; Ella F. Combs, Secretary; Mrs. A. Gallatin, Treasurer. The following resolution was offered and adopted, viz: Each gentleman member shall pay 25 cents semi-annually. Ladies, free. The following became members: Mr. A. Gallatin, 50c; Mr. Free-land, 50c; Dr. Haswell, 50c; Mr. Huntoon, 50c; Mr. Luce, 50c; Mr. Clark, 50c; Mr. Reirdon, 50c; Mr. Grinwold, 50c; Mr. Kirk, 50c; Mr. Doo, 50c; L. S. Taylor, \$1.00; Mr. Forshel, 50c; Mr. Reed, 50c; Mr. Smith, 50c; Mr. Jones, 50c.

Total amount collected, \$7.50. After spending the evening very pleasantly, the meeting adjourned at a little past 10, to meet May 31st, at J. H. Huntoon's."

The above is a specimen of the minutes of "The Social." "A feast of reason and a flow of soul, enlivened by an occasional resort to the divine art of music," the Secretary writes, made their evenings to pass agreeably. "Singing and social conversation" seems to have been the chief attractions then. These socials were held at Mr. J. L. Huntoon's, Mr. J. F. Clark's, Mr. A. Gallatin's, Mr. R. K. Wick's, Mr. B. H. Sweetland's, Dr. Clayton's, Mr. Wilcox's, Mr. Littleton's and Mr. Luce's, and also at the church basement.

Other members were added from time to time: S. Tryon, Mr. Denslow, Mr. Stevens, Dr. Clayton, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Danner, Dr. Wythe, Mr. Porter, Mr. Vance, Mr. Clark, Mr. Wilcox and others.

Some of the performers of that day were Mrs. Buckminster, who wrote and read an essay; Miss Rudolph, who rendered a solo, "What Shall Be My Angel Name?" Mrs. J. H. Freeland, "Paddle Your Own Canoe"; Miss Littleton and her brother rendered both instrumental and vocal music; Mrs. Rudolph rendered, "Then You'll Remember Me"; Miss Gibbs gave a pretty ballad; Miss L. A. Littleton read an essay on "Beauty," which was well rendered. Among the list of refreshments at their social functions, we find mentioned "mush and milk."

The next attempt at young people's organization we find was "The Young People's Union," under Dr. E. R. Dille. This was for the most part for social purposes and it met monthly, but it was a very live organization.

The movement then formed into a "Christian Endeavor," and finally into our present Epworth League.

The charter of the Epworth League, Number 1150, dates April 4, 1893, though the Epworth League existed prior to that date. The earliest minutes of the League are dated September 23, 1891, and read as follows:

"The regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League of the Sixth Street M. E. Church, met Wednesday, September 23, 1891, C. H. Dunn, President. Meeting opened by song and prayer, after which Mr. Avery read a very interesting report of the devotional work for the past year. The report of Christian work was made by Miss Minnie Kiefer. P. S. Driver, the Treasurer, reported the finances. It was decided that seven should constitute a quorum; also that a distinction be made between active and associate members, the former signing the pledge. The following officers were elected:

President, A. K. Ransom; First Vice-President, Miss Anna Wood; Second Vice-President, Miss Minnie Kiefer; Third Vice-President, Mr. J. E. Walker; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Anna Fountain; Secretary, Miss Belle Church; Treasurer, Miss Mary Kiefer.

The committees appointed: Christian Work—Mr. Brookman, Miss Elsie Kiefer, Mr. Whitehorn, Mr. Dunn, Miss Billings; Mercy and Help—Geo. Marsh, Mrs. Condo, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Lizzie Klotz, Miss Alsbach; Literary Work—Miss Clara Root, Miss Mollie Titherington, Rev. T. C. George, Mr. Slater, Mr. Avery, G. S. Driver; Entertainment—J. M. Uren, Ed Willie, Mr. Heitman, Mr. P. Driver, Miss Maude Hodson, Miss Jennie Elworthy, Miss Lulu McCormick; Correspondence—Miss Grace Danforth, Miss Myrtle Hodson; Finance—Miss Carrie George, Howard Marsh. Belle Church, Secretary.

Epworth League Members, 1893

E. E. Avery, Wm. Angus, Hattie Billings, Alice E. Bailey, Mr. Bishop, Elizabeth Blasdel, C. H. Brookman, Howard Carey, Belle Church, Mr. Cox, E. E. Condo, Mrs. E. E. Condo, Frank Croasman, Grace Danforth, Bertha Dawley, C. H. Dunn, Mrs. C. H. Dunn, P. S. Driver, Mrs. P. S. Driver, Grant Driver, Jennie Elworthy, Lizzie Fountain, Abbie Fountain, Rev. T. C. George, Mrs. T. C. George, Carrie George, Flora Greenlaw, Edna Greenlaw, Orrin Hand, Frances Healy, Lulu Henwood, Myrtle Hodson, Maude Hodson, John Hoskings, Ida Hugo, Lillie Huebner, Al. Hutchinson, Willie James, Clemencia Kerr, Albert Keene, Minnie Kiefer, Mary Kiefer, Elsie Kiefer, George Kiefer, A. Kloppenburg, Lizzie Klotz, A. K. Lawson, W. W. Lewis, Wm. Lawrence, Walter Leitch, Mrs. Lyons, Howard Marsh, Russell Mill, T. P. Mitchell, Chas. McConnell, G. A. Miller, Philip O'Reilly, Ethel Page, J. O. Prewett, Jane Ranns, George Shepstone, Frank Scott, Geo. H. Smith, Albert Tower, J. M. Uren, Mrs. J. M. Uren, Mrs. Van Huesen, B. Van Lewven, J. E. Walker, E. T. Waterbury, John Webb, Mr. Whalen, Mrs. Whalen, J. S. Withorn, Ed. Willie, Mary Willie, Oscar Willie.

May 23, 1892, W. W. Lewis was elected President, as A. K. Ransom was leaving city. November 11, 1892, total enrollment 64, average attendance 58. B. H. Marsh said his committee decided to collect 10 cents per month.

The question was up several times of joining the Christian Endeavor Union of the city, under "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor," but it was finally lost. Debates were also had as to adopting Christian Endeavor pledge, but decided to accept the Epworth League pledge.

The League assisted the Y. M. C. A. in social entertainment, held street meetings before League meetings, conducted a revival meeting in the church.

December 21, 1894—Decided that a Training Class be organized, and a committee consisting of Miss E. Blasdel, Mrs. Buck and Mr. Avery appointed to decide time and place.

October 8, 1895—Mr. Spear, President. Decided all members absent four successive business meetings, and failing to pay dues, be dropped. December 13, 1895—Bertha Dawley put in charge of a Circulating Library.

February 14, 1896—Mr. Avery reported charter framed at cost of \$6.50. Members elected: Kate Griffin, Mabelle Cook, Sam. Lewis, Dr. Cartwright, Mrs. Dunster, H. Burrell, Geo. Shepstone, John James. March 12, 1896—An Epworth League paper launched, with A. E. Keene business manager. June 11th, the paper turned over to the

Official Board of the Church. July 11th—decided to send committees to visit other societies to get their ideas of work. November, 1896—Mr. Keene, President.

November 9, 1897—The Constitution amended that members be constituted by election of chapter on motion of President, after approval by cabinet or pastor.

October 11, 1898—B. H. Marsh, President. November 8, 1898—League decided to support a native missionary in India at \$60 per year.

January 10, 1899—Mercy and Help Committee reported holding meetings at County Hospital every other Sunday. March 14, 1899—An initiatory ceremony in receiving new members adopted. October 10, 1899—Dr. Simmons elected President.

May 15, 1900—Sixty dollars to be raised for support of missionary in India, by each member raising one dollar and then telling how it was raised.

March 10, 1901—By-Laws amended to read: Article 6—The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held on second Tuesday evening of month of July. July 9, 1901—J. D. Crummey, President. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws and report at next meeting.

March 17, 1903—On motion of Mr. Carey, Article VII of the Constitution was unanimously suspended, considering the following amendment to Constitution: Article I—The regular election of officers shall be held at the regular business meeting in April and installed on Anniversary Day. Amendment was adopted. April 12, 1903 Mrs. Biegle, President.

Present Officers

President	J. C. Carpenter
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mattie Howard
Second Vice-President.....	O. E. Bremner
Third Vice-President.....	Mrs. Helen R. Peck
Fourth Vice-President.....	Miss Bessie May Baker
Secretary	Miss Clara Powell
Treasurer	Eugene W. Sawtelle
Pianist	Miss May Carpenter

Junior League

The Charter dates from November 10, 1894, and numbers 3110.

October 5, 1894—The meeting opened with song, pledge read, prayer by Miss Dawley. December 15, 1894—Ralph Langner read the lesson. December, 1894—Mamie Langner read the lesson. Election of officers: First Vice-President, Laura Lewis; Second Vice-President, Ola Elwood; Third Vice-President, Bertha Tebow; Social Work, Donna Hunt; Treasurer, Roger Scott; Secretary, Winnie Langner.

December 19, 1895—Roger Scott, President; Ratie Elliot, First Vice-President; Grace Tower, Second Vice-President; Agnes McDonald, Third Vice-President; Clara Carpenter, Fourth Vice-President; Ethel Luce Secretary; Marian Green, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Marsh, Chorister; Miss Stella Danforth, Organist; Frank Rideout, Librarian; Myrtle Luce, Assistant Librarian.

Among the members were: Roger Scott, Ratie Elliot, Grace Tower, Agnes McDonald, Clara Carpenter, Ethel Luce, Marian Green, Frank Rideout, Myrtle Luce, Donna Biegle, Ella McDonald, Katie Hannah, Ethel Criss, Dempsey Elwood, Walter Campbell, Annie Martin, Lorena Buck, Joseph Carpenter, Hazel Luce, Grace Covell, Alex. Green, Melissa Shoop, Gabriel Clements, Carrie Doseher, Irene Lesser, Lilly Owens, Adna Ferriter, Edna Elworthy, Emma McGee, Osborn Elliot, Edna McGinnis, Irma Phleger, Oretta Elliot, Mary A. Clark, Edw. Schmidt, Pearl McAllister, Robert Straiter, George King, Otta Cole, Tommy King, Bertie Hildebrand, Alma Johnson, Ralph Langner, Irving Scott, Willie Rule, Grace Tokeyama, Ruby McAllister, Lillie Bangher.

June 26, 1896, there were 64 members present. Graduating exercises took place October, 1896. The year's report showed much good done. The Juniors thanked the Senior League for recreation provided out of school hours, for banquet at annual election, for grand picnic at Oak Park, where they had their picture taken, and for a Valentine social and also a birthday party.

Financially, the Junior League bought 50 J. L. Hymnals, bought cards for flowers sent to sick, helped support the deaconess. Though many members were lost by graduation, they still numbered 120 members, with a good average attendance each afternoon.

May 8, 1896—Officers: President, R. Langner; First Vice-President, J. Carpenter; Second Vice-President, Annie Martin; Third Vice-President, Ella McDonald; Fourth Vice-President, Pearl McAllister; Secretary, Albert Hastings; Treasurer, Grant Covell; Librarian, Lester Moody; Assistant, Alex. Green.

At present the Junior League is in process of reorganization for larger and more efficient work.

Ladies' Aid Society

This organization went at first under the name of "Ladies' and Pastor's Union" of the Sixth Street M. E. Church. Its object was to visit families in one's neighborhood, invite strangers, and gather children into the Sunday School, to visit the poor and sick of the congregation and extend aid as far as possible.

The officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer; these constitute the Executive Committee. The meetings were held semi-monthly, on Wednesdays. The officers were: President, Rev. R. Bentley; Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Huntoon; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. Thomas; Secretary, Mrs. Julia A. Barrett; Treasurer, Mrs. Bowstead.

The Charter Members were: Rev. R. Bentley, Mattie Thomas, Julia A. Barrett, Jane Griffin, Reny Cowles, D. Breckenfeld, E. Bowstead, Mrs. C. P. Huntoon, E. Baldwin, Mrs. C. C. Gerlie, Mrs. S. E. Bentley, Mrs. A. C. Curtis, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Dodsworth, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs Figg.

Wayside hints: January 15, 1881—Decided to add "Sewing Society," to meet every Saturday for the purpose of making clothing for the poor, and teaching children to sew. Board of Managers: Mrs. Wasol (chairman), Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Dillman, Mrs. Baker. New members added to society: Mrs. Maydwell, Mrs. Frank Bell, Mrs. McMullen, Mrs. Mumford.

April 9, 1882—Mrs. Brewer, Secretary. Mrs. Drew added to Board of Managers. Business Department added to Union, and Mrs. Barrett was made manager. Change made in paying of dues, from 25 cents per quarter to 10 cents per month in advance.

April 3, 1894—The name changed to "Ladies' Social Union." That change was evolution in the right direction, for the word "pastor" prefixed to the name of the society was a foolish superfluity. This meeting was held at residence of Mrs. Fountain, Fifteenth and P streets; Mrs. Scott, Vice-President, presided. Many poor reported. Mrs. Clayton warned the society against allowing too many to settle down on the society. An "At Home" planned for Rev. C. V. Anthony and wife.

June 5, 1894—Mrs. Clayton's residence, 631 L street. Parsonage furniture moved to Mansion House. Mrs. Anthony elected President, Mrs. Condo, Secretary. Bro. Anthony made remarks recommending church socials properly conducted as a means of grace bringing old and young together.

November 6, 1894—Ladies' Aid plans a Golden Wedding Anniversary, with a gift of \$100 in gold for Mr. and Mrs. Carley. April 2,



SOME MEMBERS OF OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

Mrs. F. M. Bennet	Mrs. J. H. Collins	Mrs. Rose Morris	Mrs. A. M. Horton	Mrs. H. Snyder
Mrs. V. A. Wood	Mrs. J. A. McKee	Mrs. Ludwig Anderson	Mrs. W. H. Dunster	Mrs. Lulu Burgett
Mrs. E. W. Sawtelle	Mrs. Florence Putnam	Mrs. L. L. Kelley	Mrs. Kate Covell	Mrs. S. V. Heintzen
	Mrs. Job Wood		Mrs. Anna Foster	

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1895—Assisted in furnishing the Y. M. C. A. June, 1895—The parsonage enterprise brought forward. A committee appointed to look for lot to purchase, the building to be built on the installment plan. The lot and parsonage to be owned by Ladies' Aid Society and rented to pastor. The committee were: Miss H. M. Richard (chairman), Mrs. S. Root and Mrs. Crowley.

July 2, 1895—Decided to allow Miss Brooks and Miss Dawley to give social to the Junior League, the ladies assisting. The parsonage enterprise committee reported several lots and as many prices. Ladies not ready to decide and committee retained to look farther. September 5, 1895—Mrs. Bell nominated President. Membership at close of year 1894-95, 58. October 1, 1895—Mrs. Scott, President.

February 4, 1896—Mrs. Crowley reported nothing doing on parsonage matter, considered matter dropped. Subscriptions discontinued. Committee continued, Mrs. Ough added. They will report on property mentioned in next meeting. March 3, 1896—Committee on parsonage reported they had inspected property and considered it desirable house, well preserved, both as to arrangement of rooms and location. It was the sense of the committee a desirable purchase, if it could be brought about. Matter carried over for a month. April 7, 1896—Ladies assume \$100 of church debt. October 6, 1896—Bible readings to open the exercises. Mrs. Scott elected President. November, 1896—Ladies' Aid asked to help support deaconess.

February 2, 1897—Mrs. Covell said name of society was sometimes misunderstood and led some to think we meet only socially. After discussion she moved the name be changed to Ladies' Aid Society. The motion carried unanimously. May 2, 1897—Mrs. Davis elected President. September 7, 1897—Special parsonage committee appointed to act with regular parsonage committee having charge of parsonage. October 5, 1897—Mrs. S. Root, President.

April 5, 1898—Sunday School Board decided to put tables and chairs in Sunday School room and asked the Ladies' Aid Society to put down carpet. After discussion, decided to put in new carpet. May 3, 1898—Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lyons, a committee to buy carpet. June 7, 1898—New carpet cost \$383.44. September 5, 1899—Mrs. Carroll, President.

October 2, 1900—Time of meeting changed from first Tuesday to first Thursday in month.

June 6, 1901—Decided to change day of meeting from first Thursday to second Thursday to oblige Mrs. Clayton. The annual election changed from first Tuesday in October to first meeting in July, in order that new officers can be put in Year Book. July 11, 1901—Several amendments to Constitution suggested, these to take place at next

meeting. Section 1, of Article 2, to read: The regular meetings of the Society will be held on the second Thursday of each month, at the church or the homes of its members, instead of the first Tuesday of each month. A quorum changed from 9 to 5. Officers elected; President, Mrs. S. A. Root.

July 10, 1902—President, Mrs. Job Wood; Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. McKee. October, 1902—Mrs. Dunn moved a committee be appointed to confer with the Official Board in reference to repairing and cleaning the church. November, 1902—Mrs. McMullen, chairman of committee, reported that the Official Board needed \$2,000. Ladies' Aid Society asked for \$500. Decided so.

July, 1903—Election of officers; President, Mrs. Kate Covell.

June, 1904—Report of Mrs. Dunn for carpet committee. Weinstock's bid of \$624 was accepted. December, 1904, Mrs. Barrett brought up subject of communion cups. It was discussed and laid over.

Mrs. Ludwig Anderson, the present wise and energetic President, was first elected, 1907. She has proved a leader and worker of rare worth, and has led the good women in many useful undertakings.

About the greatest enterprise this noble band of women has undertaken is the splendid parsonage now occupied by the pastor's family. These good women, in March of 1908, encouraged and backed by Bro. Peter Bohl, bought the beautiful home on 1011 P street, for \$6,500. C. C. Schaeffle started the enterprise by giving \$5. This record follows: April 9, 1908—President Mrs. Anderson paid \$100 on our new parsonage. We were all pleased to hear of our new modern home for our pastor and his family. Mrs. Anderson was to thank Bro. Bohl and Mr. Trueblood for their kindness in assisting the ladies in buying the parsonage.

Present Officers

President.....	Mrs. Ludwig Anderson
Vice-President.....	Mrs. N. D. Hulse
Secretary	Mrs. Florence Putnam
Treasurer	Mrs. W. H. Dunster

Among others, not already mentioned, who have formerly been connected with this society, who have either died or moved away, are the following names: Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Walker, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Waterhouse, Mrs. Camp, Mrs. Bohl, Mrs. S. Wing, Mrs. H. Ough, Mrs. Osburn, Mrs. Clough, Mrs. Luce, Mrs. Lenoir, Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Coats, Mrs. Ross.

Missionary Societies

Foreign Missionary Society

Mrs. H. A. Watts.....	President
Mrs. M. V. Dunn.....	Vice-President
Mrs. W. G. Dyas.....	Secretary
Mrs. M. E. Dickinson.....	Treasurer
Mrs. F. P. Dunstan.....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. W. G. Dyas.....	Mite-Box Secretary
Miss May Carpenter.....	Supt. Standard Bearers
Mrs. D. B. Clark.....	Past Corresponding Secretary

Home Missionary Society

Mrs. Charles F. Green.....	President
Mrs. N. D. Hulse.....	Vice-President
Mrs. S. A. Root.....	Secretary
Mrs. Augusta Carpenter.....	Treasurer
Mrs. Peter Pohl.....	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. F. K. Baker.....	Mite-Box Secretary

These societies have been organized for many years and have rendered excellent and faithful service in their respective fields.

Methodist Brotherhood

W. D. Eastman.....	President
C. H. Dunn.....	Vice-President
W. E. Bristol.....	Secretary
C. C. Schaeffle.....	Treasurer

The Church Choir

First Church has a choir that ranks among the best. Mrs. J. W. James is the organist and director. She is very capable in both capacities and takes much interest in the choir. She is strongly supported by two of the most capable singers in the city, Mrs. T. Frankland, soprano, and Mrs. Charles Mering, contralto. Besides these there are about twenty others who give their time and talent to the great mission of leading in song. Our choir has a reputation that reaches far beyond Sacramento. The members of the Choir are as follows:

Sopranos: Mrs. T. Frankland, Miss Lillian M. Nelson, Miss May Carpenter, Mrs. F. P. Dunstan, Miss Clara Powell, Miss Bernice Henley, Miss Margaret Becker, Miss Hazel Ferguson, Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Miss Alma Johnson, Miss Mae Brome, Miss Louise Haas; altos: Mrs. Charles Mering, Miss Bess Sackett, Miss Hedwig Anderson, Miss Etta Walker; tenors: Mr. Charles A. McConnell, Mr. W. H. Dunster, Mr. F. P. Dunstan, Mr. W. E. Bristol, Mr. Harry Murphy, Dr. J. W. James; bassos: Mr. J. C. Carpenter, Mr. Geo. L. Sackett, Mr. David Hulse, Mr. Charles Essell, Mr. P. A. Poissant. Mrs. J. W. James, organist and director.



Mrs. T. Frankland



Mrs. J. William James



Mrs. Charles Mering



Miss Lillian Nelson

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Mr. W. Everett Bristol

Miss Alma Johnson
Mr. F. P. Dunstan

Miss Clara Powell
Mr. C. A. McConnell

Mrs. F. P. Dunstan
Mr. W. H. Dunster

Miss Bernice Heuley

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| Miss Bess Sackett | Miss Louise Haas | Miss Hazel Ferguson | Miss Mae Brome | Miss Elta Walker | Miss Hedwig Anderson |
| Mr. P. A. Poissant | Mr. J. C. Carpenter | Mr. D. A. Hulse | Mr. G. L. Sackett | | |

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Membership Directory

Name	Address	Received
Allen, Miss Lizzie.....	2111 N Street	1898
Anderson, George A.....	1416 P Street	1891
Anderson, Ludwig.....	515 13th Street	1882
Anderson, Mrs. Hilda.....	515 13th Street	1885
Anderson, Stella.....	515 13th Street	1898
Anderson, Hedwig.....	515 13th Street	1898
Anderson, Evelyn.....	515 13th Street	1899
Anderson, Helen.....	515 13th Street	1901
Arnett, William H.....	623 N Street	1908
Baker, Mrs. Frank K.....	1011 P Street	1907
Baker, Joseph H.....	1011 P Street	1907
Baker, Bessie M.....	1011 P Street	1907
Barker, Mrs. Lucy.....	524 14th Street	1906
Barker, Gladys.....	524 14th Street	1906
Barker, Idolrens.....	524 14th Street	1906
Barrett, Mrs. Julia.....	815 18th Street	1878
Beeks, Mrs. H. E.....	1307 P Street	1909
Beeks, Grace Hazel.....	1307 P Street	1909
Beeks, Theodore Phillip.....	1307 P Street	1909
Bennett, F. M.....	2618 H Street	1899
Bennett, Mrs. Laura G.....	2618 H Street	1899
Bennetts, T. J.....	19th and F Streets	1908
Bennetts, Mrs. T. J.....	19th and F Streets	1908
Becker, Carl.....	709 11th Street	1909
Becker, Mrs. Carl.....	709 11th Street	1909
Becker, Margaret.....	709 11th Street	1909
Becker, Carl, Jr.....	709 11th Street	1909
Biegle, Mrs. Etta.....	811 F Street	1891
Biegle, Donna.....	811 F Street	1901
Billings, Mrs. M. S.....	1114 O Street	1882
Billings, Hattie.....	1114 O Street	1884
Blamey, James.....	917 E Street	1907
Blamey, Mrs. James.....	917 E Street	1907
Boden, Elizabeth.....	720 M Street	1908
Bohl, Peter.....	713 17th Street	1867
Bohl, Mrs. Peter.....	713 17th Street	1908
Bohl, Amelia.....	16th and P Streets	1871
Boyd, William E.....	811 18th Street	1903
Boyd, Mrs. William E.....	811 18th Street	1903
Boyd, Mrs. M. C.....	2923 T Street	
Brand, Mrs. G. S.....	Parker Ave.	1902
Brand, Clyde H.....	Parker Ave.	1902
Brand, Wilbur F.....	Parker Ave.	1902
Bremner, O. E.....	2213 N Street	1908
Bremner, Mrs. O. E.....	2213 N Street	1908
Briggs, Mrs. C. M.....	512 N Street	1908
Bristol, Mrs. I. B.....	817 14th Street	1909
Bristol, Grace L.....	817 14th Street	1909
Bristol, W. Everett.....	817 14th Street	1909
Brown, Gail.....	810 8th Street	1908

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Name	Address	Received
Brown, Irving	1800 6th Street	1906
Brooke, Roy L.....	2300 M Street	1895
Bruce, James T.....	2023 N Street	1890
Bruce, Mrs. James T.....	2023 N Street	1890
Buchanan, Mrs. Martha.....	426 3rd, St. Broderick	1886
Burdish, Mrs. Anna.....	1917 4th Street	1887
Burgett, Mrs. Lulu.....	324 18th Street	1901
Campbell, William R.....	603½ O Street	1895
Campbell, Mrs. Wm. R.....	603½ O Street	1895
Campbell, Walter.....	603½ O Street	1895
Carey, Mrs. Stella.....	710 13th Street
Carpenter, Mrs. Augusta.....	1120 21st Street	1888
Carpenter, Clara.....	1120 21st Street	1896
Carpenter, May.....	1120 21st Street	1899
Carpenter, Joseph C.....	1120 21st Street	1896
Carpenter, Wesley.....	1120 21st Street	1906
Clark, Mrs. D. B.	2111 N Street	1898
Clark, T. E.	819 U Street	1908
Clayton, Mrs. S. E.	623 L Street	1868
Collins, Mrs. J. H.....	712 I Street
Collins, Carroll.....	712I Street	1899
Collins, Ida O.....	712 I Street	1899
Covell, Mrs. Kate	2122 Eye Street	1884
Covell, Grant E.	2122 Eye Street	1894
Croly, Mrs. B. V.....	1201 P Street	1884
Crow, Mrs. L.....	Broderick	1906
Cummings, H. N.....	Broderick	1871
Cummings, Mrs. H. N.....	Broderick	1871
Cunningham, Arlie.....	2619 N Street	1900
Daae, Mrs. H. A.....	1615 8th Sttreet	1904
Danforth, Mrs. Carrie.....	900 R Street	1886
Danforth, Grace.....	900 R Street	1886
Dannals, Vera.....	1421 17th Street	1906
Davis, Mrs. M. M.....	3719 Sacramento Ave.
Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth	1903 H Street	1879
Deeble, Robert.....	2004 11th Street	1908
Denham, Addie V.....	1236½ J Street	1903
Dickinson, Mrs. M. E.....	1108 22nd Street	1904
Dickinson, Miss L. F.	1108 22nd Street	1902
Dike, U. L.....	631 J Street	1906
Dodge, Orlando.....	2318 5th Street	1895
Dodge, Mrs. Orlando.....	2318 5th Street	1889
Downs, Mrs. Margaret	Broderick	1906
Driver, Philip.....	2019 21st Street	1890
Driver, Mrs. Philip.....	2019 21st Street	1890
Drew, Mrs. M. A.....	613 N Street	1895
Dudley, Mrs. Lottie.....	1402½ O Street	1900
Dundas, Edward L.....	623 19th Street	1900
Dundas, Mrs. E. L.....	623 19th Street	1900
Dunn, Chauncey H.....	2219 M Street	1882
Dunn, Mrs. Chauncey H.....	2219 M Street	1884
Dunn, Carroll.....	2219 M Street	1906

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Name	Address	Received
Dunn, Augusta.....	Sutter Height's Hospital	1907
Dunstan, F. P.....	1330 K Street	1908
Dunstan, Mrs. F. P.....	1330K Street	1909
Dunstan, Evelyn.....	1330 K Street	1909
Duffey, Mrs. F. W.....	2808 G Street	1907
DeLemos, Lester.....	5th and K Streets	1908
Dyas, Mrs. Emma.....	1430 Q Street	1904
Dunster, Wm. H.....	1908 M Street	1888
Dunster, Mrs. Wm. H.....	1908 M Street	1890
Eastman, W. D.....	915 28th Street	1909
Eastman, Mrs. W. D.....	915 28th Street	1909
Eastman, Marian.....	915 28th Street	1909
Edling, E. E.....	Box 57, Route 2, McIntyre Ave.	1908
Edling, Mrs. E. E.....	Box 57, Route 2, McIntyre Ave.	1908
Elliott, James.....	1724 N Street	1895
Elliott, Mrs. James.....	1724 N Street	1895
Elliott, Ernest.....	1724 N Street	1895
Elliott, Mrs. Henry.....	1720 N Street	1883
Elworthy, Mrs. Annette.....	1422 12th Street	1873
Files, J. T.....	3014 Sunset Ave.	1908
Files, Mrs. J. T.	3014 Sunset Ave.	1908
Flanagan, Mrs. Emma.....	1900 M Street	1898
Flanagan, Effie E.....	1900 M Street	1898
Foster, Mrs. Anna.....	630 N Street	1902
Fountain, Wm. A.....	1430 P Street	1881
Ford, Mrs. Martha.....	1814 T Street	1904
Gardiner, Mrs. H. C.	631 L Street	1874
Garrett, Mrs. Laura	2209 9th Street	1886
Gavigan, Mrs. Louise	1414 8th Street	1890
Gibson, Mrs. S. E.....	2322 M Street	1873
Gleie, H. E.....	2120 O Street	1900
Gleie, Mrs. H. E.	2120 O Street	1895
Glide, Mrs. L. H.....	910 H Street	1897
Glide, Eula.....	910 H Street	1898
Green, Charles F.....	2731 I Street	1897
Green, Mrs. Chas. F.....	2731 I Street	1895
Green, Alexander.....	2731 I Street	1896
Greenlaw, Mrs. M.....	1728½ K Street	1870
Griffey, Edwin A.....	2918 G Street	1906
Griffey, Mrs. Lucy.....	2918 G Street	1887
Guinn, John.....	516 10 th Street	1904
Guinn, Mrs. John.....	516 10th Street	1904
Guinn, Prudence.....	516 10th Street	1904
Harter, Mrs. Ed.....	1116 Q Street	1894
Hall, Mrs. Frances M.....	1317 Q Street	1868
Haase, William.....	407 J Street	1907
Haase, Miss Louise A.....	407 J Street	1908
Handlin, Mrs. Sarah J.....	817 10th Street	1899
Harwood, Aaron.....	1423 O Street	1874
Hamilton, Mrs. J. W.	630 M Street	1909
Hatch, R. N.	1229 Q Street	1909
Hatch, Mrs. R. N.	1229 Q Street	1909
Hector, Mrs. Oswald M.....	2122 M Street	1895



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Heiss, Mrs. F.	1208 7th Street	1905
Heintzen, Mrs. S. V.	1528 O Street	1906
Herren, Mrs. Nora	619½ Eye Street	1904
Hicks, Mrs. Abbie	921 bet. V and W Streets	1895
Hill, William	2620 N Street	1906
Hill, Mrs. Wm.	2620 N Street	1896
Horne, Mrs. Abbie	616 P Street	1887
Hornick, Mrs. Martha F.	1309 H Street	1898
Horton, Mrs. A. M.	1111 H Street	1907
Horton, Miss Lola	1111 H Street	1907
Howard, John L.	1328 P Street	1895
Howard, Mrs. J. L.	1328 P Street	1895
Howard, Everett	1328 P Street	1906
Howard, Gladys	1328 P Street	1906
Howard, Plassie	1328 P Street	1906
Hulse, N. D.	1815 27th Street	1901
Hulse, Mrs. N. D.	1815 27th Street	1901
Hulse, Lewis	1815 27th Street	1906
Hultquist, Frank	1907 D Street	1900
Hultquist, Mrs. Frank	1907 D Street	1900
Hurtoon, J. L.	721 M Street	1867
Huston, E. P.	718 23rd Street	1905
Huston, Mrs. E. P.	718 23rd Street	1905
Jacka, Josiah C.	2231 L Street	1887
Jacka, Mrs. J. C.	2231 L Street	1887
James, Thomas M.	2321 K Street	1888
James, Mrs. T. M.	2321 K Street	1888
James, John C.	2321 K Street	1888
James, Dr. J. W.	1315 22nd Street	1888
Johnson, Mrs. D.	2411 O Street	1903
Johnson, Mrs. H. K.	816 Q Street	1902
Johnson, Alma	816 Q Street	1902
Johnson, Julian W.	2412 L Street	1909
Johnson, Mrs. Julian	2412 L Streets	1909
Johnson, Miss Lottie E.	2412 L Street	1909
Johnson, Fontaine J.	2412 L Street	1909
Jones, Miss Ethel	2731 K Street	1908
Jones, Miss Minnie	2312 H Street	1908
Jordan, Mrs. A. A.	731 G Street	1873
Jordan, Moses A.	613½ J Street	1909
Kellam, William H. B.	614 13th Street	1888
Kellam, Mrs. Wm. H. B.	614 13th Street	1886
Kellam, William H. B. Jr.	614 13th Street	1899
Kelley, Mrs. L. L.	316 18th Street	1905
Kiefer, Mary	1627 8th Street	1891
Kiefer, Minnie	1627 8th Street	1885
Kiefer, George H.	1627 8th Street	1893
Kleinsorge, Mrs. M. A.	2023 L Street	1900
Kleinsorge, Lydia	2023 L Street	1906
Kloppenburger, Mrs. Margaret	1407 D Street	1898
Kloppenburger, Miss A. L.	1407 D Street	1887
Langner, John M.	1714 T Street	1887

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Langner, Mrs. J. M.	1714 T Street	1887
Langner, Ralph	1714 T Street	1896
Lawrence, Mrs. Josephine	2116 T Street	1895
Lawrence, William	427 L Street	1896
Leitch, Edward	1610 2nd Street	1887
Leitch, Mrs. Edw.	1610 2nd Street	1887
Lewellin, Mrs. A.	1114½ Q Street	1904
Lindsey, Mrs. M. A.	710 H Street	1900
Longton, Mrs. Sarah	614 N Street	1898
Lorison, Mrs. Kate	1101 H Street	1887
Love, Miss Ellen	1229 L Street	1908
Mackay, J. B.	1229 L Street	1908
Marsh, B. Howard	900 O Street	1892
Marsh, Mrs. B. H.	900 O Street	1893
Marsh, Wm. D.	822 O Street	1894
May, J. T.	2820 V Street	1902
Mayhew, Mrs. A. B.	614 22nd Street	1907
Merkeley, Mrs. Nellie	Riverside Ave.	1908
Meade, Miss Merta	815 10th Street	1897
Mispley, Mrs. Martha	1528 F Street	1902
Mispley, Edgar	1528 F Street	1903
Morris, S. C.	1225 5th Street	1897
Morris, Mrs. S. C.	1225 5th Street	1897
Morris, Floyd	1225 5th Street	1902
Morris, Harry	1225 5th Street	1902
Morepoe, Mrs. M.	904 L Street	1908
Moncur, Miss Carolyn	1410 8th Street	1908
Munson, Mrs. Margaret	2213 N Street	1908
McConnell, Mrs. Julia	1619 12th Street	1882
McConnell, Charles	1619 12th Street	1885
McConnell, Frank	1619 12th Street	1894
McCormick, Elisha	1414 8th Street	1890
McCormick, Mrs. Elisha	1414 8th Street	1890
McCormick, Miss Mabel	1414 8th Street	1897
McDonald, Mrs. Jessie	325 P Street	1889
McDonald, Miss Jessie	325 P Street	1903
McKay, Mrs. Annie	405 O Street	1899
McGee, John	1818 F Street	1888
McGee, Mrs. John	1818 F Street	1890
McGee, Miss Emma	1818 F Street	1893
McGee, Miss Leola	1818 F Street	1901
McKee, Dr. J. A.	1217 17th Street	1900
McKee, Mrs. J. A.	1217 17th Street	1900
McKee, Dr. Charles	1217 17th Street	1900
McKee, Robert	1217 17th Street	1900
Mullens, Mrs. Wm.	1515 9th Street	1909
Neal, Dorsey	5th, bet. J and K Streets	1906
Near, Mrs. Catherine	2122 M Street	1909
Near, Kittie Viola	2122 M Street	1909
Near, Angelica A.	2122 M Street	1909
Nethercot, Mrs. M.	2731 K Street	1908
Nethercot, Miss Nellie	2731 K Street	1908

Name	Address	Received
Noble, W. R.	1527 6th Street	1902
Noble, Mrs. W. R.	1527 6th Street	1901
Norman, Mrs. Regina	1317 5th Street	1899
Norman, Miss Cecelia E.	1317 5th Street	1901
Nunamaker, Mrs. W. D.	430 8th Street	1909
Oleson, Miss Marian	1100 N Street	1904
Odom, Mrs. Nettie	1528 4th Street	1908
Page, Mrs. M. A.	1601 F Street	1892
Peck, Mrs. Helen R.	1016 N Street	1909
Peck, Mrs. Nora M.	1708 Q Street	1882
Pierce, Mrs. Flora	J Street Extension	1901
Piercy, W. W.	1815 18th Street	1908
Pigueron, Wonda	1115 12th Street	1909
Platt, Mrs. Vera	324 18th Street	1901
Poorman, Mrs. R. A.	2618 H Street	1906
Powell, Mrs. Alice	520 N Street	1908
Powell, Miss Clara	520 N Street	1908
Powell, Miss Lois	520 N Street	1908
Prewett, James O.	927 M Street	1893
Pulliam, Charles E.	2808 G Street	1907
Pulliam, Mrs. Chas. E.	2808 G Street	1907
Putnam, Mrs. Florence	721 F Street	1889
Poissant, Arthur	3001 Orange Ave.	1909
Rau, George	2017 E Street	1905
Rau, Mrs. George	2017 E Street	1905
Rau, George Jr.	2017 E Street	1908
Reed, Mrs. E.	Broderick	1900
Reisner, Joseph F.	1719 N Street	1908
Reisner, Mrs. J. F.	1719 N Street	1908
Richards, W. H.	City	1908
Root, Mrs. S. A.	302 O Street	1879
Roxby, Mrs. Elmina	1417 12th Street	1905
Roxby, Miss Gertrude M.	1417 12th Street	1905
Quaas, Mrs. Abbie	1229 L Street	1908
Sackett, George L.	1420 19th Street	1907
Sackett, Mrs. Geo. L.	1420 19th Street	1907
Sackett, Miss Bess	1420 19th Street	1907
Santos, Mrs. Mary	1917 4th Street	1882
Sawtelle, E. W.	1615 13th Street	1905
Sawtelle, Mrs. E. W.	1615 13th Street	1904
Sawtelle, E. W. Jr.	1615 13th Street	1906
Schaeffle, C. C.	Y. M. C. A.	1907
Scoble, W. H.	2418½ K Street	1904
Scoble, Mrs. W. H.	2418½ K Street	1901
Schultz, Mrs. A. L.	622 11th Street	1909
Simpson, James	2604 O Street	1904
Sitton, Mrs. N. C.	826 Q Street	1908
Sitton, Miss Gladys	826 Q Street	1908
Schmidt, Mrs. Emma	1721 D Street	1901
Shock, Mrs. Anna	1721 D Street	1908
Snyder, Mrs. Harriet	1422 7th Street	1904
Stafford, Mrs. Ella	Room 14, Stoll Bldg.	1908

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Name	Address	Received
Sutliff, Mrs. Harriet	1812 H Street	
Swearingen, J. W.	1126½ 6th Street	1904
Swearingen, Mrs. J. W.	1126½ 6th Street	1904
Swearingen, Miss Estelle	1126½ 6th Street	1904
Templar, Mrs. M. H.	512 N Street	1908
Tempel, Mrs. M. E.	1126½ 6th Street	1883
Templeton, Mrs. L. S.	1728½ K Street	1909
Tibbits, William	605½ 14th Street	1903
Titherington, Mrs. Louise	819 O Street	1885
Thompson, Mrs. M. E.	3219 Madrone Ave.	1872
Thompson, Miss Mildred	1908 H Street	1901
Thompson, Miss Carrie	1908 H Street	1901
Toll, Wm. R.	819 16th Street	1871
Tredinnick, Herbert	Noble Court—J St. Road	1904
Tredinnick, Mrs. H.	Noble Court	1904
Uren, Mrs. Annie	1614 F Street	1885
Uren, Miss Muriel	1614 F Street	1908
Van Heusen, Mrs. Helen A.	2117 L Street	1879
Varney, Mrs. E. A.	810 8th Street	1895
Varney, Lorna	810 8th Street	1903
Vogel, Mrs. L. A.	1731 12th Street	1899
Wallace, Mrs. A. M.	2012 25th Street	1895
Walker, Miss Etta	614 S Street	1909
Walter, William	1031 G Street	1867
Wardlow, Mrs. Ida	612 R Street	
Washburn, Anna	2310 L Street	1898
Wasley, Thomas	1926 K Street	1909
Watts, Dr. H. A.	1126 16th Street	1902
Watts, Mrs. H. A.	1126 16th Street	1902
Webb, Alfred F.	1831 T Street	
Webb, Mrs. A. F.	1831 T Street	1885
Welch, Mrs. M. E.	2413 P Street	1894
West, Mrs. Josie	1913 M Street	1908
White, Mrs. W. H.	1016 6th Street	1903
Whitehouse, C. H.	921 W Street	1905
Whitehouse, Mrs. C. H.	921 W Street	1905
Witherow, Mrs. Alice J.	1208 7th Street	1905
Wicks, Robert	1511 26th Street	1896
Wicks, Mrs. Robert	1511 26th Street	1896
Wicks, Florence	1511 26th Street	1901
Wilson, Mrs. Genevra	1915 10th Street	1900
Wilson, Mabel	Sutter Height's Hospital	1908
Wisehart, Jacob H.	1601 F Street	1892
Wise, Mrs. Mary	1316 7th Street	1860
Wixson, Mrs. Mary	Tuolumne Ave.	1908
Wixson, Bessie	Tuolumne Ave.	1908
Wood, Mrs. V. A.	1112 G Street	1896
Wood, Anna	1112 G Street	1887
Wood, Addie M.	2918 G Street	1906
Wood, Hulda	2918 G Street	1908
Wood, Gilford	2918 G Street	1908
Wood, Job	1420 19th Street	1900
Wood, Mrs. Job	1420 19th Street	1900

Non-Resident Members

Allen, John	Pleasant Grove
Allen, Mrs. John	Pleasant Grove
Belden, Mrs. Blanche	Address wanted
Betz, Mary E.	Spokane, Wash.
Berry, Mrs. Catherine	Address wanted
Callow, Wm.	Butte, Montana.
Davidson, Mrs. Mary	Canada.
De Jersey, Miriam	Los Angeles
Elwood, Ola B.	Gault, Mo.
Erickson, Mrs. Sabina	Oakland, Cal.
Gilmore, Mrs. A. A.	Medford, Oregon.
Harris, Mrs. Electa B.	Address wanted
Harris, Mrs. J. W.	Denver, Col.
Hastenplug, Mrs. Susana	San Francisco, Cal.
Hastenplug, Bertha	San Francisco, Cal.
Hastenplug, Albert	San Francisco, Cal.
Hugo, Mrs. Elizabeth	Stockton
Joslyn, H. S.	Live Oak, Cal.
Joslyn, Mrs. H. S.	Live Oak, Cal.
Keene, Albert E.	Marysville, Cal.
Meade, Mrs. L. H.	San Francisco, Cal.
Mispley, Fred	Blue Canyon
Nobel, Mrs. Marian	Roseville
Orin, Mamie	(Wanted)
Osborn, Mrs. Mary E.	San Francisco
Osborn, Miss Beatrice	San Francisco
Pritchard, Mrs. Lena	Wanted
Ramsey, Mrs. Edith M.	Wanted
Robertson, Frank	Address wanted
Robertson, Mrs. Frank	Address wanted
Ryan, William	Crescent
Smith, Frank	Seattle, Wash.
Scott, Irving	Oakland, Cal.
Shepstone, Mrs.	Vallejo, Cal.
Stephenson, Stephen	Address wanted
Talbot, Mrs. E. G.	Oakland
Tuttle, Leon A.	Stanford
Uren, Philip	Pacific Grove
Uren, Mrs.	Pacific Grove
Welsh, Mrs. Laura	Address wanted
Will's, Obadiah	Butte, Montana
Wood, Percy A.	San Francisco

Probationers

Bosshardt, E. P.	Now East
Bosshardt, Mrs. E. P.	Now East
Briggs, Asa	512 N Street
Caldwell, Charles	1024 4th Street
Chamberlain, Clifford	2326 N Street
Cross, Clinton	2411 O Street
Catlett, Wm. H.	617 16th Street
Catlett, Mrs. W. H.	617 16th Street.

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Dodge, Alice	2318 5th Street
Dodge, Phoebe	2318 5th Street
Duffy, F. W.	2808 G Street
Dunn, Homer	2219 M Street
Dunstan, Clarence	1330 K Street
Dunster, Frederick	1908 M Street
Dukeshire, Frederika	621 L Street
Gabby, D. P.	Address wanted
Gabby, Mrs. D. P.	Address wanted
Garvey, Essie	Yolo
Gaunt, Geo. Edward	Golden West Hotel
Gosling, Edw. M.	Gen. Delivery
Harris, Arthur	1417 S Street
Harris, Caroline	1417 S Street
Huston, Arloa	718 23rd Street
Johnson, Gerald	816 Q Street
Jurgenson, Walter	716 12th Street
Mayhew, A. B.	614 22nd Street
McGee, Charlie	1818 F Street
McPeak, Nina	Address wanted
Morris, Stanley	1225 5th Street
Mering, Sumner	1216 24th Street
Odom, Arthur	1528 4th Street
Odom, Carl	1528 4th Street
Odom, Leslie	1528 4th Street
Rau Wesley	2017 E Street
Root, Homer	302 O Street
Watts, May Wilna	1326 16th Street
Webb, Ruth	1831 T Street
Stains, Vera	Missouri
Strader, Gladys	Broderick



SOME OF THE USHERS

Wm. Hill

Floyd Morris

Joseph H. Baker

Fontaine Johnson



SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH 25 YEARS OR MORE

Mrs. L. S. Templeton
Miss Hattie Billings

Mrs. B. V. Croly
Mrs. N. M. Peck

Mrs. Louise Titherington
Mrs. Hattie Gardiner

Mrs. S. E. Gibson
Mrs. S. A. Root

Mrs. A. Elworthy

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Cummings

Mrs. M. A. McCormick

Mrs. M. Greenlaw

Mrs. M. S. Billings
Mrs. Mary Wise

Mrs. Julia Barrett
Mrs. Martha Buchanan
Mrs. F. M. Hall

Elisha McCormick
Mrs. S. E. Clayton

Wm. R. Toll

Mrs. Julia McConnell
Wm. A. Fountain

Among the Early Accessions

Among the number of those who united with the church many years ago, we have thought it of interest to mention the following names. The oldest record book we have mentions quite a number, the date of whose joining the church is not stated. It may be among that number are all the original members of the church, but not knowing for a certainty, we mention only as '49-ers the following: Wesley Merritt, Charles Maltby, Charlotte Maltby, Edmond L. Barber, Geo. H. Bell, Mark Stewart, Deborah Stewart, Archibald Henley, Julia Henley. Other names among the earliest members are: John and Jane Griffin, 1854; Mary Ann Wick, Israel and Mary A. Luce, Henry Leet, Harriett E. Nelson and Charles Lenoir joined 1855; Nathaniel and Francis Lenoir, 1856; Jas. A. and Lydia Fox, B. F. Pike, Jas. A. Gardiner, 1857; Lillie Lyah, Cyrus Stern Lenoir, 1858; Edward Eugene Toll, Phillip Henry Toll, Wm. Chas. Griffin, Rebecca Eliza Griffin, Isaac Shaw, Moriah Sweetland, Loyal T. Smith, 1859; Dr. R. B. Sweetland, 1860; S. M. Kiefer, 1861; Mary Wise, 1860; Sarah Van Heusen, William and Harriett Ellis, Mrs. Orpha Wassol, Mrs. Lizzie D. Watt, E. L. Barber, Samuel Mervin, Nancy B. Bell and Frank B. Bell, Mrs. Carley, Jacob and Ann Welty, Milton and Sophia Barney, Elizabeth Bowstead, Harriet Combs—most all these joined near 1860; Clara Henley, Nellie Henley, Katie Henley, 1866; William Roberts, Carrie Wicks, John Lee and Julia Ann Wood, Mrs. Nemie Gallatin, Warren Hector, John S. and Mary Harbinson, Peter Bohl, John L. Huntoon, Dr. C. S. Haswell, Eliza A. Hodgson, Wm. and Elizabeth Kirk, Mrs. Mary Ann and Miss Mary R. Patterson, William Walter, 1867; Mary Rosina R. Luce, Miles, L. Templeton, F. T. Phillips and wife, John H. Freeland, Mrs. B. B. Hinman, Mrs. Henrietta and Cordelia Heaton, Isaac and Frances M. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Clayton, 1868; Mrs. Mary Greenlaw, Mrs. Martha Buchanan, Geo. W. Marsh, Daniel and Ellen Carley, John C. Stubbs, Mrs. B. Sutliff, Mrs. Sarah Wing, 1870; D. W. Welty, Wm. R. Toll, Amelia Bohl, 1871; H. N. and Catherine Cummings, Calista Hodgdon, Joseph Ough and Mrs. Anna Ough, 1872; William P. and Sarah J. Dillman, Mrs. A. A. Jordan, Mrs. Sarah E. Gibson, Mrs. Annetta Elworthy, 1873; Aaron Harwood, 1874; Rev. L. B. and Mrs. Alice D. Hinman, 1875; Miss Hattie Clayton, 1876; Phillip and Sarah A. Uren, Elizabeth N. Davis, 1879; Mrs. A. Hodson, 1880; Mrs. M. A. Drew, 1881; Mrs. Miranda Billings, J. R. and Julia McConnell, Ludwig Anderson, and C. H. Dunn, 1882; Mrs. Donna E. Elliott, 1883; Maude Ough, May Ough, 1884; Minnie Gardiner, 1885; Thomas and Mary E. James, William James and John James, 1888; Morris Brooke, John Ing, Myrtle Hodson, Maude Hodson, 1890; Elizabeth Blasdel Moore, 1892.

John C. Stubbs



There are many who have been connected with First Church, Sixth Street, Sacramento, who have gone out from us into other busy centers, and who have become great in their respective callings; but none have eclipsed the name of John C. Stubbs, who without a doubt has become the greatest railway freight expert in the country. It is said of the late Mr. Harriman that he would allow "no 10-per cent man" about him, that they all had to be 100-per cent men. Mr. Stubbs is a native of Ashland, Ohio, where he was born in 1847. It is said: "At twenty-two he was an assistant general freight agent, and ever since he has been living with freight, eating with it, sleeping with it, studying it, wrestling with it, and reducing it or its handling to something approximating an exact science."

John C. Stubbs was received into this church December 30, 1870. He was a member of the Official Board for some years and was elected Sunday School Superintendent, but resigned on account of lack of time to attend to it. He was a most capable teacher in the school of a young men's class, who were very fond of him. He was also an able Bible student. Mrs. Stubbs, formerly Miss Mary R. Patterson, was received into the church, December, 1867. She was organist in the Sunday School, and was also church organist. It was in 1871 that Mr. Stubbs and Miss Patterson were married. Joseph David Stubbs, their son, was baptized September 7, 1873, by Rev. H. B. Heacock.

Old First Church, Sixth Street, is glad to honor such a man and cherishes his record while a member here, and Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs, like hundreds of others who have come under its influence, remember with interest the "days o' lang syne."

Some Recorded Baptisms

Georgiana McCourtney, George Julius Bohl, Agnes Toll, Charlotte Phoebe Lovell, Sheldon B. Coachman, 1854; Sierra Nevada Cummings, James Bowsted Williams, Robert Skelton Cook, Alice Elephalet Cook, Albert E. Leimbach, 1855; Mary Ann Wood, Julia Ann Wood, David Wood, 1857; Ann Rebecca Walter, Alfred J. McCourtney, Eugene Waterman, 1858; Mary Alice Pierson, W. H. Wickersham, William Charles and Rebecca Eliza Griffin, Phillip Henry Toll, 1859; Clinton Allen Thompson, 1867; Mary Rosina Luce, 1868; Abbie B. Hicks, Catherine Cum-

mings, Calista F. Hodgdon, 1871; William F. and Eva May Huntoon, George Luce Marsh, 1872; Lizzie Evelyn Bohl, Joseph David Stubbs, 1873; William and Hattie Clayton, 1874; Lee Sutliff, 1876; Hattie B. Bell, 1877; Alice Phoebe, Thomas Milton and Mary Eunice Hodgdon, 1878; Mrs. Sarah A. Root, Charles H. and Edwin Van Heusen, 1879; Joseph Edgar Huntoon, Elephalet Skelton, J. T. Skelton, 1881; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Reeves, 1882.

Some Recorded Weddings

J. F. Taylor and Harriett Denison, December 24, 1855; Jacob Welty and Anna Williams, October 15, 1857; George H. Bell and Mary Jane Perry, February 24, 1858; John A. Shaw and Frances Meyers, May 10, 1860; Benjamin F. Pike and Mary A. Harner, July 9, 1860; W. H. Mills and M. Elizabeth Haswell, January 1, 1867; H. B. Burlingame and Miss H. A. Seman, June 9, 1868; Frederick B. Haswell and Vida Wyman, January 1, 1868; George W. Marsh and Mary R. Luce, February 22, 1871; John C. Stubbs and Mary R. Patterson, August 14, 1871; A. J. Gardiner and Hattie Clayton, Philip C. Byrne and Clara M. Clayton, January 21, 1879.

The Closing Word

The author is conscious that while the task of writing this Souvenir History for the Sixtieth Anniversary has been pleasant and profitable to himself, the book itself may prove unsatisfactory to some, and, perhaps to others, incommensurate with the great record of good deeds wrought by this church. But he asks for it that it be accepted in the spirit of love and loyalty for the church that has prompted it. Under the blessing of God, this church has stood in this city sixty years an unbroken witness to vital godliness and an exponent and defender of the cause of righteousness. Her altars have been crowded with devout worshippers. Thousands have been led by it to a better life. At its altars children have been dedicated to the Lord in holy baptism, and many have been joined in holy wedlock. From its altars have been borne many of our departed loved ones to the silent city of the dead. Its influence has gone out into the community life and has helped to mould public opinion, and has inspired many to holier purposes. Its pathway has not been without the rough places, nor has it been margined all the way with flowers. It has had its trials and sacrifices, all of which have helped to make it the power it has been all these years.

The author would have the members and friends consider this noble history, and be proud of it, and be prompted by it to a more earnest endeavor and a deeper consecration.

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min’?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o’ lang syne?”

What a privilege and honor “to count oneself in the genealogy of such a magnificent lineage!” The sons and daughters of such pioneers of character, ability and heroism, should take up the work where they laid it down and carry it forward to even greater achievements than they. They had as much, if not more, to contend against in those early days than we have in ours, and yet no one reads of their unfaithfulness or cowardice.

We are glad that in the present membership and officary we have worthy successors of this noble line of Christian workers. The church still occupies the same old location, but in a new environment. No longer do most of the members live in their own homes in the vicinity of the church, but farther out, in choicer resident sections of the city. But there are more people living in the vicinity of the church today than formerly. The church is now surrounded by business blocks and rooming houses, and is more needed in this location than ever.

Owing to the new environment, new problems press upon the church for solution, and to meet “the challenge of the city,” the church must command the means and intelligently and zealously adapt its methods to the changing conditions. The mark of change and transformation is seen on every hand in the business life of our expanding city, and old buildings and methods are being replaced by new and better ones. The church must adapt itself to the present environment and need that it may win its way against the tide of change sweeping all about it. This is no time for retrenchment, but for expansion. Our fathers wrought better than they knew. We should take the heritage bequeathed us and do even better than they.

“Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When e’er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!”

EXPLANATION OF PICTURE ON PAGE 53. The following are the names of the members of the Official Board in the picture found on page 53. Beginning at the left in the upper row—S. M. Kiefer, Judge D. W. Welty, William Walter, Dr. C. S. Haswell, Archibald Henley, F. T. Phillips; in the lower row—J. L. Messersmith, L. S. Taylor, Rev. H. B. Heacock, John L. Huntoon, Geo. W. Leat, Peter Bohl.



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